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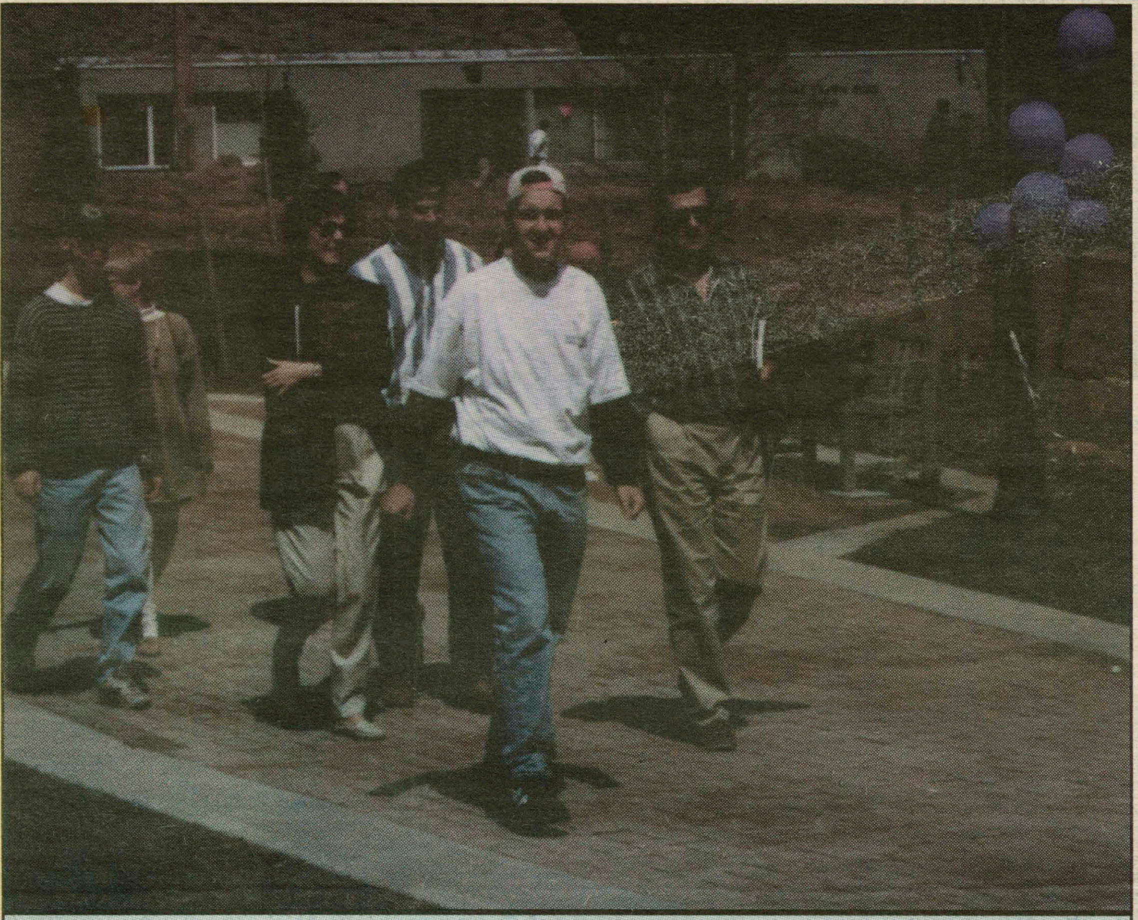

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Prospective students came to the Hamilton campus this week for the accepted students Open House. Students and parents took guided tours of campus on Tuesday afternoon.

College releases name of Commencement speaker

Honorary degree recipients announced

Special to The Spectator

The leader of the nation's largest ecumenical organization, a world famous jazz musician, an Ivy League college president, a state supreme court associate justice, and the president of an international women's health organization will receive honorary degrees during the Commencement ceremony at Hamilton on Sunday, May 21. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

Approximately 420 students will receive bachelor's degrees during the ceremony which will mark the end of Hamilton's 183rd academic year. The Commencement address will be delivered by New York Public Library President Paul LeClerc.

The Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon on Saturday, May 20, at 3 p.m. in Wellin Hall.

In addition to LeClerc (Doctor of Humane Letters) and Campbell (Doctor of Humane Letters), honorary degrees will be presented to International Women's Health Coalition President Joan Banks Dunlop (Doctor of Humane Letters), New Jersey State Supreme Court Associate Justice Stewart G. Pollock (Doctor of Laws), Columbia University President George E. Rupp (Doctor of Laws) and jazz great Clark Terry (Doctor of Music).

With the exception of Pollock, all of the honorary degree recipients live or work in the New York metropolitan area.

Paul LeClerc became president and chief executive officer of the New York Public Library on Jan. 1, 1994, having served more than five years as president of Hunter College, the largest school in the City of New York (CUNY) system. Although born in Lebanon, NH, LeClerc was raised in Queens. He received his bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1963, studied at the University of Paris, and was awarded his master's degree in 1966 and his Ph.D. in 1969 from Columbia University.

A scholar of Voltaire and the Enlightenment, LeClerc taught French at Union College for 18 years, before joining the CUNY central administration. In 1988 he was named successor to Donna E. Shalala as president of Hunter College. As head of the New York Public Library, LeClerc oversees an organization that is considered to be one of the world's top research libraries. At the time he became president, the library had 3,000 employees, 82 branch libraries, 38 million books and a budget approaching $150 million.

As general secretary of the National Council of Churches, Joan Brown Campbell oversees daily operations of an organization that represents 32 Christian denominations with 42 million members in the United States. The denominations function independently, but are linked by the council on issues such as interfaith dialogue and overseas relief.

The recipient of a bachelor's degree in English and speech and a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan, Campbell also studied at Case Western Reserve University. She was first ordained in 1980 and has standing as a minister in both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Charges of improper conduct abound after Student Assembly budget reallocation

By Gabriel Meyer '96
Editor-in-Chief

A recent reallocation of budget funds to student organizations by the Student Assembly Central Council has become the source of confusion and controversy for many of its members. Misunderstanding of the Robert's Rules of Order, a code of conduct by which the Assembly is supposed to abide, contributed to an over-allocation of budget funds which necessitated the reallocation.

The dispute over the reallocation of funding this spring brought the confusion over rules to light, after some Student Assembly members contended that representatives of the Class of 1995 and the Campus Activities Board (CAB) acted improperly when they voted themselves funding increases during a February meeting of the Assembly. Because of these actions, the body's remaining budget for the rest of the semester has dropped below $10,000.

"It's turned out to be a handful of people who want to play by the rules," said Student Assembly President Andrew Edelson '97.

Other members say that Robert's Rules of Order are vague and confusing, making them open to interpretation.

Written as a guide to parliamentary procedure and acceptable behavior, the rules are misunderstood, or ignored by some Student Assembly members. Though contained in a book more than 300 pages long, a summarized version of the rules was distributed among all Assembly members earlier this semester.

Robert's Rules of Order stipulates that members may not vote on issues in which they have a conflict of interest. Whether the Class of 1995 and CAB representatives violated this rule, remains in question.

The origin of the dispute dates back to the release of the Student Assembly Funding and Budget Committee's report early this February. The original report, which allocated funds for the spring semester to student organizations, was scrapped after it became apparent that the Assembly was in danger of running a deficit. Though a buffer of $5,000 in leftover funds remained, this amount was determined insufficient to protect against overspending by student organizations.

In the new version of the Funding and Budget Committee's Report, approved on February 27, the buffer was increased to $10,000 and the funding of most student organiza-

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Joe Clark speaks in the Chapel

Former bullhorn wielding high school principal stresses responsibility

By Scott Kocher '97
News Staff Writer

Joe Clark, a renowned speaker and social activist, spoke before a near-capacity crowd on Wednesday night in the Chapel. As the primary inspiration for the film "Lean on Me" and a celebrated education reformist, Clark insisted that everyone strive to achieve theirs full potential in life, never to be deceived by the meaningless accomplishments that we commonly regard as "success."

A former Army Reserve sergent, Clark served as principal of Eastside High for ten years beginning in 1982. The school was a peredominantly black and hispanic institution in New Jersey, a place where many students' families live below the poverty line. He is both revered and criticized for his involvement with the school, partially because of his firm belief that "discipline is the ultimate tenet of education." As part of his reform program, Clark banned loitering, mandated keep-to-the-right and keep-moving rules for the corridors, and enacted a dress code forbidding hats and any gangish clothing. He was offered a job by the Reagan White House, and was featured in *Time* magazine in 1988 for his strict reform policies.

His talk on Wednesday night was sermon-like, with his booming, powerful voice a means of intimidation as well as inspiration to the approximately 150 students present at the Chapel.

Clark preached that there is a responsibility to society which we must all maintain. He declared that "the highest individual destiny is to serve, rather than to rule." The purpose of our existence, he stated, is not to make a living, but to live a

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Prospective students visit for Open House

By Scott Kocher '95
NEWS STAFF WRITER

According to most of those involved, this past week's Open House for prospective students was a smashing success. Despite the large number of visitors, which totaled 600, the Admission Office was able to coordinate the days' activities and accommodate all prospectives requesting hosts. Open House events were well attended, and impressed many prospectives.

Shannon MacDowell, the host coordinator for the Open House, said that all prospectives found housing with Hamilton students, but initially there were some difficulties in finding enough hosts. Although all female prospectives were easily placed in campus housing, 4 or 5 extra men had to be placed on a waiting list until more housing could be found for them. Eventually, however, hosts were found for these prospectives. In all, 278 prospective students came for the Open House, with 186 spending Tuesday night with student hosts.

PHOTO BY NICK SCHUTZ '96

Students and parents enjoyed the warm weather during this week's Open House.

Attendance at the scheduled activities was also very high. Because of last year's poor attendance at scheduled Open House events, coordinators for this year's occasion recognized that it would be best to sponsor activities which were attractive to Hamilton students, so that students would bring their prospectives to these activities. The "Mission Impossible" concert, for example, was a huge success. One prospective, who was accepted early-decision and plans to attend Hamilton in the fall, was impressed by the student-run band. MacDowell said the concert was very well attended, and prospectives seemed to have enjoyed the event.

Sue Feldman, Associate Dean of Admission, said that this year's Open House seemed to have been more successful that last year's. She said that combining the Open House into a single event, rather than two separate occassions, helped to provide a more inviting and enthusiastic atmosphere.

Womyn's Energy Week takes place in Hamilton Community

By The Spectator News Staff

Hamilton has been the site of numerous activities exploring the role of women in society and the progression of the feminist movement, during the last week. The week's activities were sponosored by the Womyn's Community Center as part of Womyn's Energy Week.

Starting Monday, April 17, a clothesline display concerning sexual and domestic violence has been present on Martin's Way. In addition, there have been lectures, symposiums, and movies presented over the last few days.

From Friday, April 21 until Sunday, April 23, a Sisters of Color International Conference will take place on campus. The events will include keynote speeches by Dr. Jacqui Alexander and Dr. Haunani-Kay Trask, a cultural events evening, and more. In addition, a demonstration will be held in front of Burke Library at noon on Sunday, April 23.

News Briefs

--compiled by the news staff

Student election results

In elections held Wednesday for class presidents and Judicial Board Chair, Adam Sichol won the race for President of the Class of 1998, Mike Sklansky became President of the Class of 1997, and Fred Bush won the position of President of the Class of 1996. Kurt Shotzberger '97 was elected Judicial Board Chair.

Hamilton College seniors display art work

Fifteen Hamilton College seniors, graduating with degrees in studio art, will display their work at the Emerson Gallery from Saturday, April 22, to Thursday, May 18. The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception on Saturday, April 29, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the gallery.

Included in the exhibition, which is free and open to the general public, are works by Bob Aldave, Jennifer Casey, Heather Dammerman, Amy DePrisco, Catherine Haley, Inga Larson, Dennis Merrick, Jennifer Mijangos, Vanessa Miner, Bill Moulton, Cristin O'Rourke, Bob Simonds, Derek Snow, Kim Tamalonis, and Julie Wolf.

International affairs specialists to speak at Hamilton

Dr. Veljko Vujacic, from the Harvard University Center for International Affairs, will deliver a lecture entitled, "The Causes of the Disintegration of Yugoslavia," on Monday, April 24. The talk is sponsored by the Hamilton College Government Department, as well as the Russian Studies Program, and will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Events Barn.

Dr. Michael Chege, who is also from the Harvard University Center for International Affairs, will speak on "State Disintegration and Underdevelopment in Africa." This lecture is sponsored by both the Government Department and the African Studies Department. Dr. Vujacic will speak at Hamilton College on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center.

Novelist to give reading on campus

Novelist and women's activist Ellen Frye will give a reading from her work on Wednesday, April 26, at 4:15 p.m., in Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center. The reading, sponsored by the Department of Classics and the Women's Studies Program, is open to the public.

Frye comes from a writing family and carries on the family tradition by writing fiction and non-fiction books. After graduating from Barnard with a music degree in 1962, she moved to Greece, where she did extensive research on Greek folklore. Her two novels, *The Other Sappho* and *Amazon Story Bones*, tell the stories of ancient Greek women whose lives were never recorded.

New York City Library President to speak at Commencement

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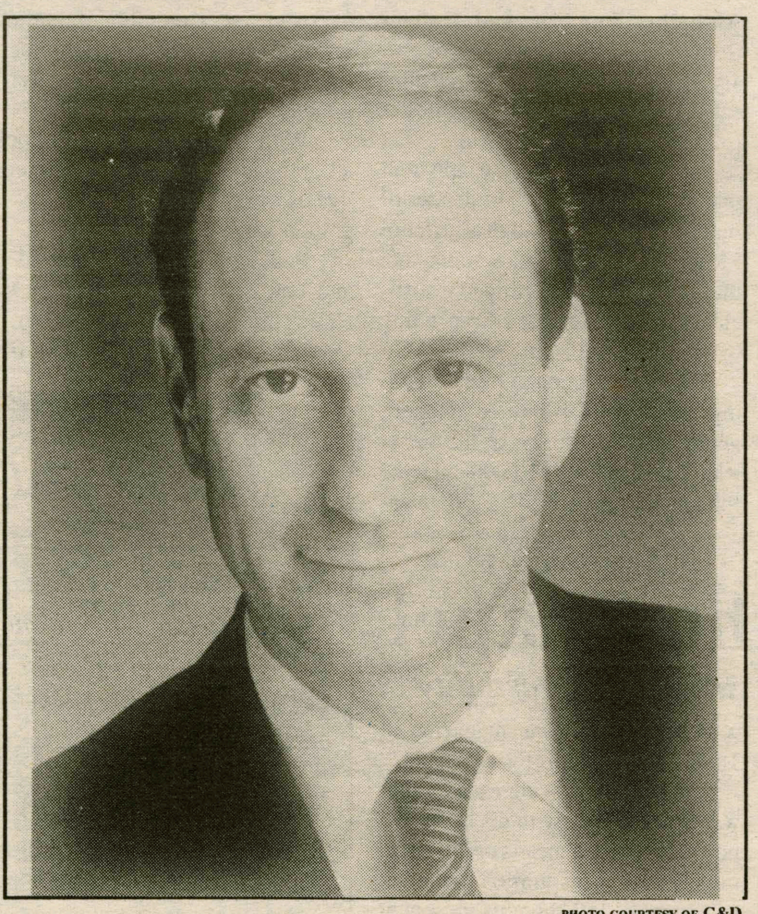
and the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

Since arriving in New York from England in 1970, Joan Banks Dunlop has been active in city government, non-profit organizations, and foundations. In 1984, she was named to her current position as president of the International Women's Health Coalition. During the past 10 years, she has built the organization into an authoritative voice for women's perspectives on population policy.

Under Dunlop's guidance, IWHC has grown from a three-person office with a budget of $300,000 to a $3 million agency with a staff of 20 that oversees 100 projects in nine countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

A 1954 Hamilton graduate who received his law degree three years later from New York University Law School, Stewart Pollock joined the New Jersey State Supreme Court in 1979. He began his career as an assistant U.S. attorney in Newark, N.J., before entering private practice. From 1974 to 1976, Pollock served as a commissioner of the Department of Public Utilities and as a member of the governor's cabinet. Appointed a member of the State Commission of Investigation in 1976, he served as counsel to Governor Brendan T. Byrne from February 1978 to June 1979.



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Dr. Paul LeClerc, President of the New York Public Library

A former associate editor of the *New Jersey Law Journal*, Pollock was president of the Morris County Bar Association and a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He was appointed to the State Supreme Court by Governor Byrne in March 1979, confirmed by the state senate the following month, and took the oath of office in June of that year.

George E. Rupp, an ordained Presbyterian minister and former dean of the Harvard Divinity School, became Columbia University's 18th president in July 1993. He had previously served seven years as the president of Rice University in Texas. At the time he assumed the reins of the nation's fifth oldest college, Columbia had more than 20,000 students, 5,700 full and part-time faculty members and an annual operating budget exceeding $1 billion.

The recipient of bachelor's degrees from Princeton and Yale, Rupp was awarded a Ph.D. in religion from Harvard in 1972. His interest in college administration was sparked after stints at two experimental colleges: Johnson College, a unit of the University of the Redlands in California, and the Green Bay campus of the University of Wisconsin.

A St. Louis native, legendary jazz trumpeter Clark Terry played briefly with Lionel Hampton before securing jobs with a succession of big name bands such as Charlie Barnet and Count Basie in the late 1940s, and Duke Ellington in the 1950s. He subsequently became the first African-American musician to land a staff job with NBC when he played for *The Tonight Show* in New York. During his time with the popular late night television show, Terry developed "Mumbles," his trademark version of scat singing.

Terry, who is now in his 75th year, is credited with playing a major role in popularizing the fluegelhorn. Still active, playing at clinics, concerts and festivals, he is also keenly interested in educational activities and takes great pleasure in helping younger players.

Corrections

In last week's Voice Box on page 4, Ante Galic '97, should have been identified as an independent student, not affiliated with any private society.

A News Brief last week should have identified Patricia Ireland as the director of the National Organization for Women.

The letter of Bill Russell '95 in should not have been printed in the same issue as Justin J. Harberson's letter, which it was written in response to. *The Spectator* does not publish responses to letters in the same issue as the original letters in question.

News from other Ivory Towers

--compiled by Matt Nolan '98

Spring break searches enrage Colby students

Over sprinbg break at Colby College members of the Safety and Security detail at the school conducted searches of dorm rooms which students say violated their rights. Contraband drug related items removed during the search can only be confiscated, according to college policy, when two people are present. The director of campus Safety and Security at the college admitted that the confiscations were illegal, but stated that all items taken were in plain sight.

Students also contend that the searches included dressers and closets which are of-limits under the college rules. Citing the removal of items such as bongs and hookas from closet and dressers, students claim that their privacy has been violated. Safety and Security contends that all items taken were in plain view, as well they stated that they were wrong to conduct the searches in the manner they did and were extremely apologetic for the action. *(The Colby Echo)*

Break-ins at Conn. College disturb community

During the Sophmore formal at Connecticut College last week two dorms were broken into and vaarious items were stolen. Upon returning to their rooms, numerous students found items misplaced or removed from the dorm entirely. The dorm rooms, apparently unlocked, were ransacked and such items as stereo receivers, printers and cash were removed.

The department of Campus Saftey is woking with the New London Police to track down the missing items and apprehend the burglars. Composite sketches have been compiled by both organizations and authorities are hopeful that leads will pan out. The director of Campus Safety reminded students that 99 percent of all break-ins occur in unlocked rooms. *(The College Voice)*

Colgate fraternities to tighten alcohol policies for weekend of partying

Students participating in the Spring Party Weekend at Colgate University are in for a change in the alcohol policy in comparison to past years. This year students will be required to have proper i.d. to drink at the fraternity houses between 11 a.m. and 7p.m., as well students will have to buy a bracelet for ten dollars. The campuses Interfraternity Council voted unanimously on the new policy which will include the hiring of licencsed bartenders and bouncers through a service in Syracuse.

While many see the changes in the policy as necessary, some also feel that the new restrictions are an unneeded addition to the event. In changing the policy, many of the fraternity presidents cited the liability incurred by the houses having people consuming alcohol on their property. *(The Colgate Maroon News)*

Middlebury considers increasing student population

Talk is currently circulating at Middlebury College about a possible increase in the student population at the Vermont school. Both the Dean of the Faculty and the Dean of Academic Planning have been hosting regular meetings on the campus to discuss possible increases. Currently with about 1,950 students there are several possible proposals as to the higher number students possible. With estimates ranging from 2,200 to 2,400, current students have a number of fears concerning the plans. Worries about increasing class sizes as well as campus growth have spurred many students to rise in opposition to plan. Increases in almost every facet of the campus, including: housing, faculty, resources, and most improtantly tuition. While implementation of the plan is still ten years down the line, the current proposal has raised some tensions on the campus. *(The Middlebury Campus)*

Weekend Weather

Saturday: Chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 40s. Highs 65 to 70.

Sunday: Chance of showers. Low of 40. Highs 55 to 65.

News Briefs from around the World

--compiled by Ralitsa Petkova '98

Another poison gas attack in Japan train station

On Wednesday afternoon, Japan suffered another poison gas attack less than a month after the deadly nerve gas attack that killed 12 and injured over 5,000. In the latest incident, gas fumes spread through a main railroad station and a train in the city of Yokohama, leaving 309 people injured. This attack was much less severe than the last one and so far the gas used has not been identified.

Following this attack, more fingers are being pointed at Aum Shinrikyo, the religious cult that is under investigation for possible involvement in the deadly Tokyo attack. The cult has denied any involvement in either attack.

Nuclear treaty on the agenda

As a conference opened at the United Nations last Monday on renewing the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons, some non-nuclear nations proposed limited extensions and other methods for its approval, arguing that the nuclear powers had failed to live up to pledges under the treaty.

The United States and the other four nations that acknowledge having nuclear weapons — Britain, China, France and Russia, want to extend the treaty indefinitely and unconditionally. All signers to the treaty, except the five nuclear powers, have been required to renounce all nuclear weapons programs. The five nations argue that if the treaty is not renewed indefinitely, it will lack permanence and may tempt some countries to develop nuclear arms or to resume nuclear programs that can be diverted toward offensive purposes.

Critics of the pact point to the continuing failure to persuade India, Israel and Pakistan, which have nuclear technology and almost certainly nuclear weapons, to join the treaty. North Korea, Iran and possibly Iraq, which signed the treaty, are suspected of violating it.

Chechnya war requires treaty lapse

Last Sunday, Russia said that it could not adhere to all the terms of a crucial conventional arms reduction treaty until the war in Chechnya was over. Defense Minster Pavel Grachev told Interfax news agency that Moscow wanted a review of the 1990 Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty, which limits the number of troops and armor Russia can station in the volatile southern Caucasus region where Chechnya is located. His comments were likely to further damage relations between Russia and Western countries that have been at odds with Moscow since the Chechen war started last December.

Russia has been pressing for some time for the treaty to be altered, saying that the Soviet Union's collapse and subsequent local wars had made the document outdated.

25,000 Turkish troops in new assaults on Kurds

Last Sunday, about 25,000 Turkish troops, backed by assault helicopters, moved in on a Kurdish rebel stronghold in a rugged eastern province, military officials say. Explosions from rockets fired by helicopters at positions of the Kurdistan Workers Party, also known as the P.K.K., in the remote Alibogazi Ravine in Tunceli Province, could be heard six miles away, villagers said by telephone. More than 10,000 troops in trucks and buses arrived in Tunceli and began fanning out towards Alibogazi, a 20-mile gash in the mountains that cuts through Hozat and Cemisgezek Districts. The army began a large push against the separatist rebels in Tunceli late last month in parallel with its huge cross-border drive against P.K.K. fighters in northern Iraq.

France threatens to pull out its peacekeepers from Bosnia

The deaths of two French peacekeepers in Bosnia have exposed divisions within France's conservative party on what to do about the war in Bosnia. Foreign Ministry officials said last Monday that withdrawal of the 4,530 French soldiers serving with United Nations forces there was not under consideration, though over the weekend Defence Minister Francois Léotard had suggested that a pullout was possible.

In the past, France has repeatedly threatened withdrawal of its contingent, the largest of any country's, if actions of the Bosnian Serb, Muslim and Croat forces made it impossible for them to fulfill their mission of separating the combatants and protecting civilians. Though the war is now three years old and shows no signs of ending, French public opinion seems more concerned about domestic problems like unemployment than the war in Bosnia.

Source: *New York Times*

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National News Briefs

--compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Car bomb rocks Oklahoma City

A powerful car bomb blast tore away one side of a nine-story Federal building, killing at least 21 people, in Oklahoma City on Wednesday morning. The dead included 17 children in a day-care center in the building. The death toll is expected to rise as emergency rescue teams try to free people trapped in the rubble.

The bomb — estimated by Federal officials to be about 1,000 to 1,200 pounds of explosives — left a crater eight feet deep, killed and maimed people on the street, overturned and ignited cars, heavily damaged six nearby buildings, blew out windows for blocks around and set scores of fires.

Policy on secret documents revamped

President Clinton signed an executive order on Monday that overhauls Government secrecy rules. The new order requires that even the most highly classified documents, with certain exceptions, be made public after 25 years.

The new directive, a result of two years of debate within the Administration, would allow the head of an agency, the Director of Central Intelligence for example, to exempt some documents, but only with the approval of an appeals panel.

The current rules have allowed vast numbers of documents to be kept classified even after 30-year period after which they must be handed over to the National Archives. President Clinton promised that his new order would "lift the veil" on millions of those documents and keep many new documents from being classified in the first place. However, he made it clear that his directive would still allow the Government to "maintain the necessary controls over information that legitimately needs to be guarded in the interests of national security."

Clinton challenger withdraws

Former Gov. Robert P. Casey of Pennsylvania announced withdrawal from 1996 Democratic Presidential primaries, four weeks after his decision to run against President Clinton.

This decision by Casey leaves the President without a Democratic challenger, at least for now. Casey, a fierce critic of Clinton and an opponent of abortion, cited exhausting physical demands and other pressures as a reason for pulling out of the race. He underwent a heart and liver transplant in June 1993.

While Casey is the only Democrat to have come forward to challenge Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has run twice for the presidency, has not ruled out entering the 1996 race.

Source: *New York Times*

"Education in America is braindead," Clark says

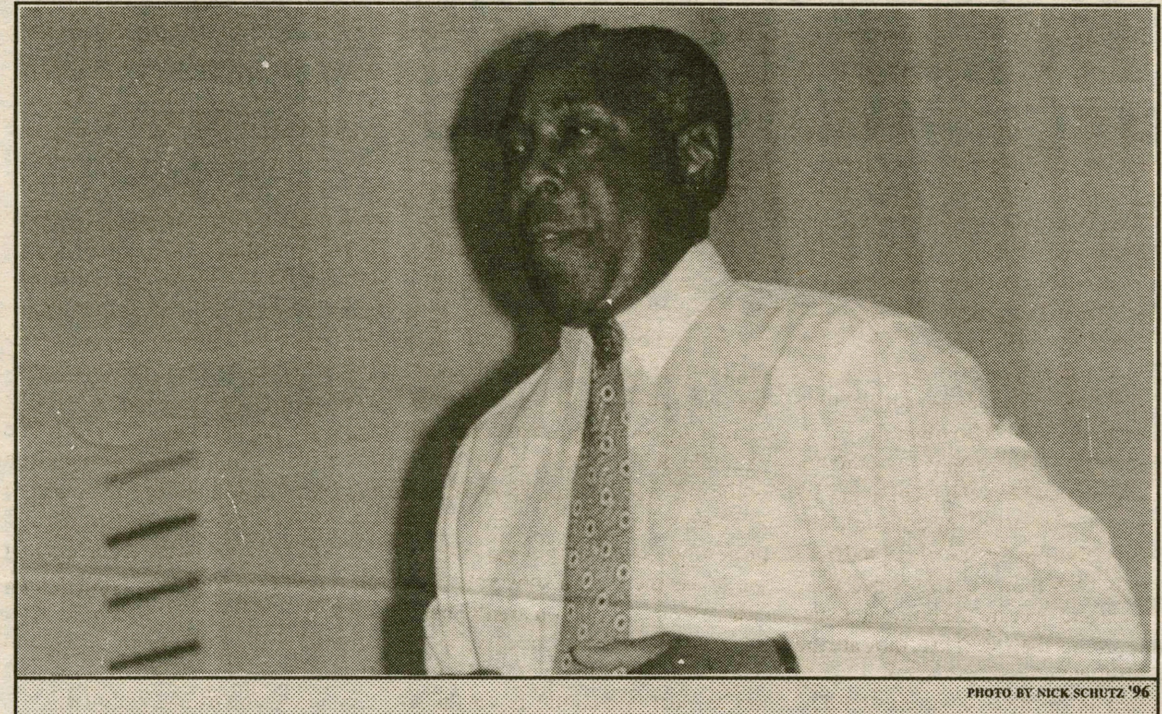
PHOTO BY NICK SCHUTZ '96

Joe Clark, former New Jersey high school principal, addresses the audience in the crowded Chapel Tuesday night.

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purposeful and significant life, a life of contribution and benevolence. Quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson, Clark asked the audience, "'What have you done to make this world just a smidgeon better?' The college which you attend, the degrees you'll earn, the money you'll make, the things you'll buy...all this means nothing," next to the profound impact that you can make on society. He added that, "If you give your life in order to find it, then you are a fit candidate for eternity."

He added that we are all capable of making positive and significant contributions to the lives of others, and thereby to society as a whole. "It is time for us to come together as one," he proclaimed, "in order to make the world a better place." As though in rebuttal to the assertion that a single person cannot make a real difference in the world, Clark proclaimed, "One person can bring about change, but you must be willing to stand by your principles, and to take responsibility for your actions."

Clark himself is an example of a lone individual's meaningful contribution to society. His educational reforms have made record-breaking headway, and have inspired others to pursue a similar goal. Recognizing a need for his passion for educational reform, Clark pursued his ambitions with the vitality and persistence that he demands of others. Failing to do so, he believes, would have been to succumb to fear and admit defeat. "The worst type of cowardice is to know what's right and not to do it."

Clark also addressed America's ailing educational system, claiming that "Education in America is braindead." In reference to the recent book, *The Bell Curve*, and its allegations that blacks have lower IQs than whites, Clark cited America's declining education in urban areas as the cause. "The low IQs of blacks is due to a fraudulent educational system, it is not an inherent [racial or ethnic] weakness. Those intellectuals who understand this must help to make a difference in our inner cities." It is truly a tragedy, he stated, when "the apathetic crowd sees the world's anguishes and weaknesses, and yet does nothing."

His talk concluded with a call to action of those in attendance. With enough perseverance and the right mental attitude, Clark said, we are all capable of improving society and the world. "Life is about accepting who you are, and going out into the world and fulfilling your possibilities." He urged everyone always to strive to become better than we already are, and never to accept mediocrity. "Until you find out why you are here on this Earth, your life will be meaningless and you will never be happy." Clark finished with the assertion that "It is not a disgrace to shoot for the stars and miss, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to shoot for."

Robert's Rules of Order the exception in budget exercise

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tions was cut slightly. Though some organizations successfully used an appeals process to increase their funding, Class of 1995 and CAB representatives, who serve on the Assembly, attached amendments to the new report, thereby increasing their funding. No other student organizations have representatives on the Assembly.

The Class of 1995 and the CAB each increased their funding by nearly $3,000, thereby reducing the money remaining for other organizations.

"For the rest of the year, we really can't afford to give money to anyone," said Edelson. He noted that the Assembly recently had to take money from its buffer to grant the Womyns' Center all the money it requested to help pay for a trip to a women's rights rally in Washington, DC.

Class charged with improper actions

Class of 1996 Treasurer and Secretary Fred Bush said that the Class of 1995 acted improperly when it used an amendment to increase its funding by $3,000.

"It was a direct conflict of interest because the Class of 1995 representatives voted on something that affects only them," he said. The Class of 1995 will used its funding primarily to pay for Senior Week activities prior to graduation next month.

Class of 1995 President Tracee Plowell defended her class's actions. "We had decided last year that people are elected to serve the interests of their constituencies. Therefore if we don't lobby for the senior class, then we are doing them a disservice," she said.

Bush viewed the CAB's actions differently. "CAB's voting themselves an increase [was in order] to provide activities for the entire campus," he said This vote he said fell into "a grey area" because the CAB represents the whole College community, not just a segment of the Student Body.

Bush, who also chairs the Student Assembly Constitutional Project Team, said that Robert's Rules of Order, which does not allow voting by individuals who have a direct interest in a matter, merely serves as guidelines. The rules cannot be enforced unless an objection is raised and then sustained by the president. Bush said he hopes to change this procedure in the revised constitution.

Though he reminded the Assembly to abstain from voting when a conflict of interest exists, Bush did not raise an objection over the amendment introduced by the Class of 1995. Bush noted that the amendment passed with a majority vote of the Assembly.

Huck Touhey '96, CAB's Student Assembly representative commented, "It's really hazy in Robert's Rules of Order."

He explained his decision to introduce an amendment to increase the CAB's funding, saying, "It's not really stated explicitly when you have to abstain. Everybody there is representing somebody. They're going to do the best for the people their representing."

He noted that if his amendment had been rejected, he would have resorted to the appeals process used by other student organizations who do not hold seats on the Assembly.

"A kind of loophole"

"It was legal, but it was kind of a loophole that they went through," Bush said of the actions of the two groups. "I don't believe that the senior class and the CAB should have been able to amend their funding on the spot."

"[The additional money allocated] could have been divided among the other organizations that had been cut," he added.

Laura Engelhardt '95, who is one of three leaders of the Al Ham players, a small campus drama troupe, complained that the $131 her group received from the Student Assembly after the budget was reallocated was insufficient. "The whole process is a mess," she said.

The Al-Ham player recently staged a production of "The Fantasticks." Engelhardt said that the group still needs $200 to pay the pianist who played in the performances.

Nevertheless, she expressed doubts about the provisions contained in Robert's Rules of Order, banning individuals from voting on matters in which they have a self-interest. "Nothing would get done in the Student Assembly because everyone has a special interest," she said. "People are there to get something."

Conservative Sobran addresses campus

Advocates restoration of the Constitution

By Jacob Stetser '98
Associate News Editor

Joseph Sobran, a conservative who in 1993 quarreled with other editors of the *National Review* over issues of libel and anti-Semitism, spoke at Hamilton College on Tuesday, April 18. The topic of his speech, which was sponsored by the Hamilton Conservative Club, was "Post-Constitutional Government," and he denounced government since the time of Franklin Roosevelt for usurping the true power of the Constitution.

Sobran has been attacked because of recent remarks regarding Judaism. In his columns in the *National Review*, he made several statements that could be construed as anti-Semitist, according the *The Arizona Republic*. In his own newsletter, he firmly asserts "the presence of Jews poses a problem in Christian society." He also commended a magazine as "openly and almost unremittingly hostile to blacks, Jews, and Mexican and Oriental immigrants."

Sobran began by asserting that modern government had been "cut off from the language of [its] political ancestors," and that Americans "make gods of [their political ancestors] and don't really listen to them." He defined usurpation and then proceeded to demonstrate how the current government had usurped powers withheld in the constitution by the people and the states.

Sobran did so by reinterpreting the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the Constitution, which respectively declare that the rights of states and people were not limited to those listed in the Constitution and Amendments, and that the federal government held claim only to those powers expressly given by the Constitution. His feeling was that modern government, "suspiciously consistently liberal," had taken an opposite view, and he likened their "Living Document" to the British Royal Family, a proud but meaningless convention.

Those who would not ratify the Constitution feared a strong central government because it might usurp power, he noted, and he then said that ninety percent of government is unconstitutional. His list of illegal government included Medicaid, Medicare, federal education funding, National Endowment for the Arts, the Civil Rights Act, environmental regulation, and smoking bans. He then attacked the media for being in conspiracy with the usurpers, mentioning specifically major network anchors who, he says, espouse their own views on national television. As an aside, he said, "Peter Jennings is a Canadian, so he's really got a problem."

Sobran repeated the refrain several times that "the rights of the people come from God; the rights of the government come from the people." He charged that modern leaders were trying to cut out the middle-man and go straight to the source.

One of the most deadly blows against the Constitution, Sobran announced, was the advent of popular election of the United States Senate. Formerly, state assemblies picked their Senators, which Sobran believed allowed state participation in the governing process. "Popular election is a step toward democracy and a step away from freedom," said Sobran.

The bulk of Sobran's attack was made against Franklin Roosevelt, whom he called a tyrant, and the worst tyrant this country had ever faced. At one point in the speech, Sobran even yearned to return to the days of George III, the king against whom the War of Independence was fought. He pointed out that at one point during Roosevelt's administration, Roosevelt had appointed every single member of the Supreme Court, and at another point, accused Roosevelt of treason.

The Supreme Court also fell under his wrath. "The Court is like a well trained dog; Congress does not have to fear it," posited Sobran. The Court's passivity had allowed the original understanding of the Constitution to be overturned, and the only activism shown by the Court was in striking down state laws. He conceded that some state laws might have been unconstitutional, but not all. He felt that the Court had been wrong in attacking abortion, segregation and capital punishment laws in all states.

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Citizenship in Cyberspace : Now that I'm connected to the network, what are my responsibilities?

By David Smallen
Director, ITS and IR

This is the third in a series of articles to inform the community about the implementation of the campus network. It deals with some policy and behaviour issues surrounding the use of a campus network.

Once you are connected to the campus network you become a network citizen. As with other forms of citizenship, you have rights and responsibilities. Last week, I discussed some of the capabilities of the network (your rights). In this article I'll discuss some of your responsibilities as a network citizen.

First, and foremost, a network citizen at Hamilton continues to be a citizen of the Hamilton community, and thus continues to have the same responsibilities he had before. Among these are to follow acceptable rules of behaviour. One of the network services we discussed last week was electronic mail (e-mail). E-mail is a form of communication, and acceptable norms of communication still apply. Harassment, for example, whether it takes place electronically, verbally, or visually is still unacceptable, and this type of antisocial behaviour is governed by existing college policies.

Security is a much talked about issue related to computer networks. Books, such as the *Cuckoo's Egg*, by Clifford Stoll, describe the elaborate efforts that have been devoted to tracking down people who "break into" computer systems through computer networks. The important lesson learned from most of these incidents is that these break-ins were made possible by inadequate procedures and policies at one of the organizations connected to the network. Usually, individuals in an organization were careless about choosing a password used to access a computer on their network. These passwords were easily guessed, for example, by a computer program that tried words that were in a dictionary. Once a valid password was obtained, the "cracker" could use that computer to access other computers and obtain other passwords.

Thus, another responsibility you have as a network citizen is to choose passwords that are not easily guessed. This is not only to protect your information, but to protect the information of others in the community. There are guidelines for choosing such passwords, and we provide them as part of the basic materials we give to new users of our network. In addition, when you change your password software on our computer checks to see that it is not contained in a standard dictionary, is of reasonable length, and is not easily associated with your name. If you try to use one of these easily guessed passwords our computer will ask you to try again until a suitable password is created. This more stringent password procedure was approved by the Information Technology Committee last fall after discussing the need for creating a more secure network environment at Hamilton.

Privacy issues are a little more complicated. Who owns the information you store on your computer account and has the right to see it? and under what circumstances? Some businesses have adopted policies that indicate that since they own and operate the computer systems that their staff use, they are the ultimate owners of the information that is on these computers. The users of the computers are granted certain limited rights and expectations, but the understanding at these companies is that the organization has the right to monitor what you do with your computer account. Most organizations have policies that are less intrusive. Generally, this means that unless there is a reason to suspect wrong doing, the information in a user's account is private. If, for example, the user is suspected of sending harassing electronic mail, there are appropriate procedures (detailed in written policies) that must be followed to gain access to "search" the user's files for evidence. We need to develop a policy dealing with these issues. But not all behaviour is governed by policies.

Network etiquette (netiquette), are norms of behaviour that network citizens are expected to follow. These are learned behaviours that are generally encouraged through social pressure rather than written policies, similar to good table manners. For example, it is generally agreed to be polite behaviour to access resources at another college only during off-peak times, especially if you are going to use them for a substantial period of time. So, if you are connecting to a library catalogue at a college in California, and you are at Hamilton, proper netiquette is to do so before 12 noon, eastern time, or late in the evening.

Since electronic mail lacks body language and verbal cues, humor can often be misinterpreted. A collection of symbols (called smilies) have been created to indicate emotion. For example, a :-) at the end of a message indicates you are joking, : - (that you are unhappy. It is impolite to type a complete message in CAPITAL letters, for this is considered to be equivalent to shouting. Some of the norms of netiquette can be found on the Internet bulletin board outside the Computer Center in the Burke Library basement.

Advertising, particularly the sending of unsolicited promotional materials (the equivalent of "junk" mail) is also frowned upon. On some parts of the Internet it is strictly prohibited by policy, but generally enforcement is via norms of behaviour. Unfortunately, rude behaviour sometimes results in rude responses. Recently, a team of lawyers send an advertisement to several electronic discussion groups and their message was relayed to literally thousands of people in a matter of seconds. This so outraged several of the receivers that they sent a continuous stream of junk messages back to the lawyers, in an attempt to shut down their access to the Internet. Both types of behaviour can be viewed as bad netiquette.

One of the defining characteristics of a liberal arts education is the way in which it prepares you for a life of active citizenship. Effective network policies, and norms of behaviour can serve to reinforce this preparation.

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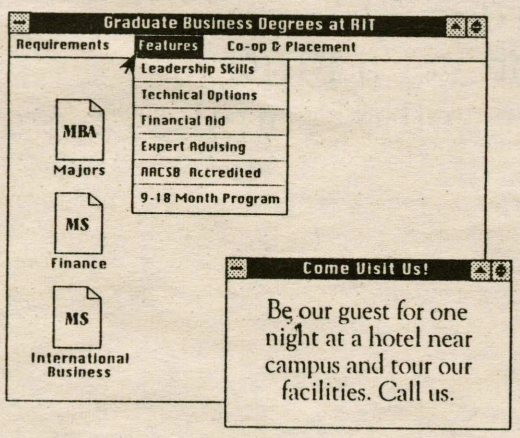

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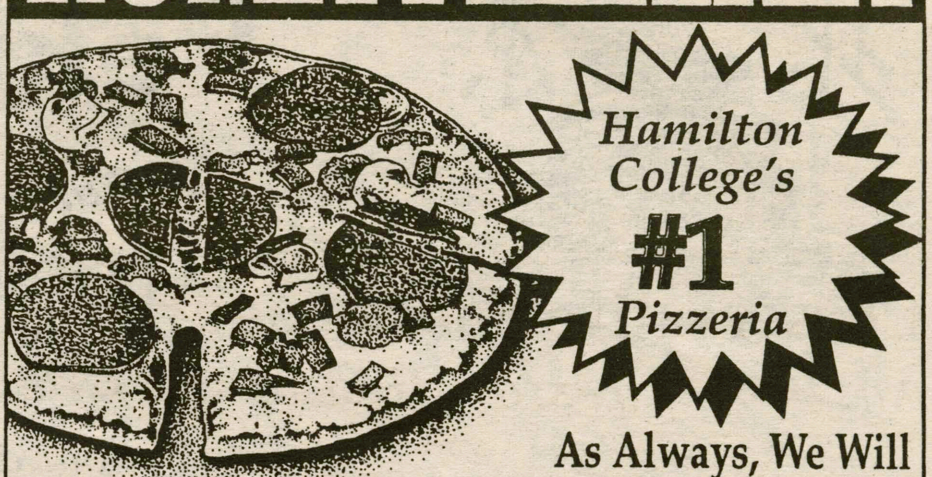

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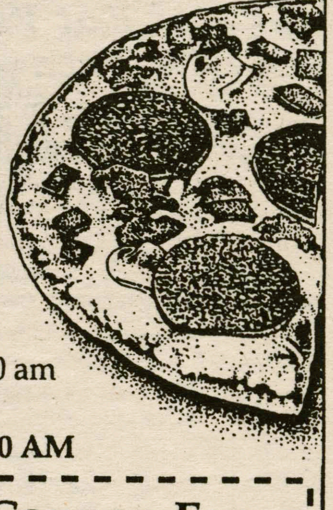

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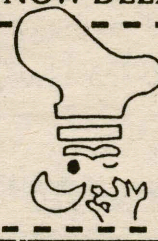

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Students on a rollercoaster ride through Antarctica

By Jordan Franceschini '95 and Martin Hilfinger '95
Special to Features

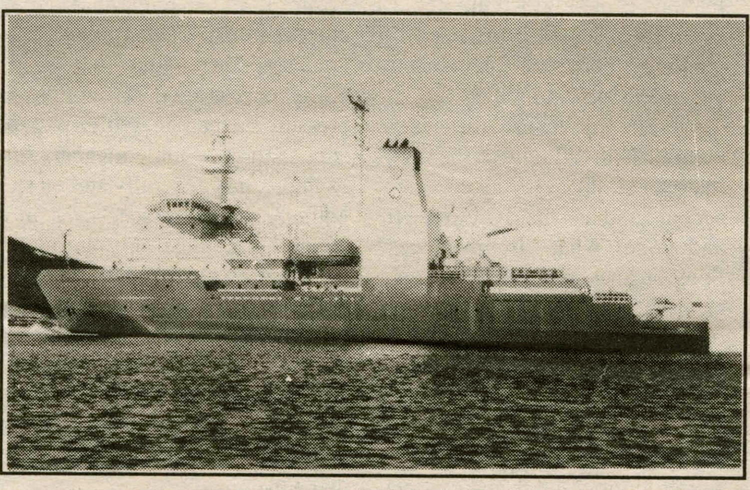
The purpose of this article is simply to tell you all about an incredible experience which was made possible by Professor of Geology Eugene Domack and the National Science Foundation.

We spent 6 weeks on a marine geological research expedition in the Antarctic along with 10 other scientists from the University of Colorado, Rice University, Italy, and Holland. As the only two undergrads we were exposed to work being conducted by both graduate students and experienced marine geologists.

The work centered around collecting both geophysical and sedimentological data in the Ross Sea, Antarctica on board the R/V Nathaniel B. Palmer. Taking sediment cores was a primary objective. The cores allowed us to really get our hands (often times the rest of our bodies) really muddy.

The sediment in the cores provide a direct representation of what the paleo-environment was like. We used seismic guns in order to produce a record of the geology hundreds of meters underneath the seafloor. These "guns" fire high pressure air pulses to the sea floor which bounce back to receivers trailing off the back of the ship.

We also used various types of high resolution seismic and bathymetric devices to produce a very detailed bathymetry of the ocean bottom. So, what were we trying to figure out and did we find anything? In simplified terms, we were trying to produce a glacial history of the Ross Ice Sheet since the last glaciation about 18,000 years ago. By this article, while we were down there, a massive piece of ice the size of Rhode Island broke off in the peninsula region of Antarctica. Some scientists believe it was due to the elevated temperatures in Antarctica caused by global warming. That gives you an idea of why the



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The ship used for the 6 week long expedition, the Nathaniel B. Palmer

gaining an understanding of its history and what caused it to behave as it has, we hope to predict what type of changes could occur today.

Antarctica contains about 70% of the world's fresh water as ice, and this highly publicized global warming trend we are now experiencing could have dramatic effects on the ice. Melting of the ice and the ensuing global rise in sea level could devastate coastal populations around the world. Only a few weeks prior to US government is so interested in funding the research being conducted on various ice sheets.

Most of our time in Antarctica was spent aboard the research vessel Nathaniel B. Palmer, a class A2 icebreaker leased by the National Science Foundation. To say that the ship was impressive is a big understatement. It stretches 308 feet in length and easily breaks 3 feet of ice at 3 knots.

The main deck was where we spent almost all of our time as it is the center of scientific operations. Not only does it contain the main laboratories but also the scientific equipment control center. In addition to all the computer systems and lab space, the ship also has some added bonuses. The gym was well used during calm seas as it contains a nautilus set up with some free weights. There was also a sauna to warm up in (not bad for a research vessel!). Living quarters consisted of bunk beds, a desk, a private bath, TV, VCR, and radio. The mess hall was also very popular as the food was outstanding.

Life on the Palmer is much different than anything we have ever experienced. Besides being confined to a small area in which "getting away" is not possible, and dealing with a constantly moving world, life at sea required some major adjustments.

There were 3 shifts which lasted 8 hours each, so the work never stopped. Often we had to work close to 2 shifts to get everything accomplished for that particular day. Weekends did not exist as 7-day-work weeks were the norm. Actually, most of the time we had no idea what day it was, as the days ran right into another. Food was never a problem, though, as 4 meals a day were served, and in between there was always food out in the galley for snacks.

During our limited free time, life consisted of keeping up on classes, visiting the gym, writing letters to friends and family on e-mail, and watching a very occasional movie. A typical day didn't exist on the Palmer as the work we were doing varied according to weather conditions and according to our location.

Reaching Antarctica was quite an adventure in itself, we were literally on a flight to nowhere. Our travels first took us to New Zealand, flight time was approximately 18 hours from Syracuse. When we arrived it was over to the International Antarctic Center in Christchurch to pick up our cold weather gear. The United States Navy outpost was nearby, and would be our destination to catch our flight the next day.

Because Antarctica is subject to frequent and rapid changes in weather, we were first placed on standby. After waiting a couple of days, we were off. The U.S. Navy uses a cargo transport plane called an LC-130, a very durable plane in the extreme conditions of the continent.

The flight was interesting in that we had to fly in most of our issued survival gear, which included wearing ear plugs to save at least a portion of our hearing. We seemed to be the less important cargo being transported as we received very little space. Our travelling companions were a load of cabbage and potatoes

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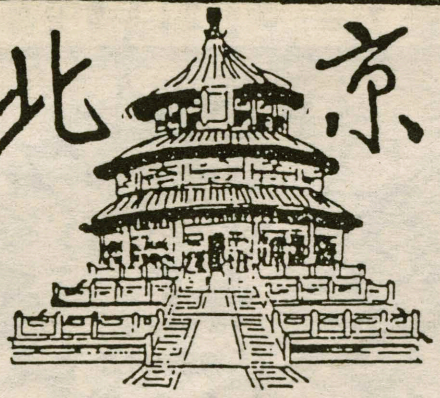

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A long goodbye, society cooks in last year of service at Hamilton

By Brad Kloza '95
Special to Features

The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi loved the new brushed-back, Joe Pesci-like hair style which their cook, Michael Ellis, began to don halfway through the Fall semester. However, soon after the results of Hamilton's Residential Life Study were announced, Mr. Ellis went back to the more conservative side-part. The reason is simple—Mr. Ellis is just one of six society cooks on campus who have suddenly found themselves out of a job because of the Residential Life Decision, and he feels he is more likely to land a new job with a more "respectable" looking hairdo.

"I knew something was going to happen, but I didn't think it was going to be this harsh," said Mr. Ellis of the study's results. "I didn't think they'd pull the rug out from under us. I thought they'd close the door slowly."

In his nine years of work at Alpha Delta Phi, Mr. Ellis has enjoyed certain benefits which most other cooks do not: a freedom of choice and creativity in his daily menu; a month off in winter, two weeks in spring and the whole summer for vacation. And after nine years, Mr. Ellis has come to appreciate the camaraderie of the brotherhood and the respect which he demands among them. At 41, he brings a certain amount of wisdom which no 18 to 21 year-old could be expected to have. Or, as he puts it, he needs to "give 'em a kick in the ass every now and then."

But it is more than losing a good job and some friends that is bothering Mike Ellis. Six years ago, Alpha Delta Phi joined the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and as an employee of the fraternity, Mr. Ellis was able to get on the Chamber's group insurance plan. Now, come May, he will be unemployed and uninsured. On top of that, Mr. Ellis is currently engaged to be married, but has decided not to marry until he and his fiancee have found the right house at the right price. He has now come to the realization that his wedding plans may have to be postponed even more indefinitely.

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Still, Mr. Ellis is but one of these little known casualties of the Res. Life Decision. Randy Fields is not just the cook for Sigma Phi, but also an in-house brother and Trustee. Like Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Phi is a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Fields also benefits from their group insurance plan. While there is a chance that Mr. Fields can become an individual member of the Chamber of Commerce, nothing is definite. And after this spring semester, he may be unemployed, uninsured and homeless. When asked whether anyone in the administration had personally contacted him before or after the study's results were made public, Mr. Fields gave a cognizant smile.

Micheal Ellis with friends from the Class of '91

"They don't pay me. As far as they're concerned I do not exist. Apparently, the fact that I've been here for fifteen years and have done thousands of hours of community service just makes me a member of the community."

Aside from the work he has done catering for campus groups, Mr. Fields has volunteered an extensive amount of time to Hamilton's theater department. He has directed four shows, performed in four others and has choreographed several campus productions. He has also personally tutored students, has helped with editing and layout on student publications, and after 15 years of service, Mr. Fields certainly will miss all of this. Still, he admits more to the gravity of the sentimental loss which comes from having to leave the house.

"I've watched people come through here for fifteen years. Barely a day goes by without a letter from somebody. Either that, or a call in the middle of the night, asking for advice."

Rather than the assumed "father figure," Mr. Fields likens himself more to "a voice of reason." Someone who is neither a parent, nor a member of the administration, nor a scrutinizing peer. Mr. Fields admits that, with regard to the students he has known, he probably knows them better than anyone, perhaps even their parents.

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Though there was no real reason to expect any school assistance, I inquired by e-mail with Jan Coates as to whether the administration had made any plans to aid the six society cooks. I received a reply from Marge Dandridge, Secretary to the Dean of Students and apparent flak-catcher for questions concerning the Res. Life Decision. She said that society cooks could inquire about any future employment opportunities with the College's food service. However, the likelihood of such an opportunity appears slim, given that a total revamping of the school's food service system is imminent. Aside from having the Personnel Office accept questions concerning job services and resources on campus or in the area, it seems there is not much else that the school is going to do for society cooks.

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In the half hour which I spent with Randy Fields, it became apparent that he would serve as a good example of the type of individual whom the administration desires at Hamilton. With a solid background in journalism and the arts, Mr. Fields

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HAVOC in Florida

Building houses, helping people

By Bill Ferguson '95
Special to Features

At 7:00 am on Saturday morning, the first day of Spring break, thirty Hamilton students stood outside McEwen anxiously awaiting a 30-hour bus ride that would take them to another land and to experiences that they would treasure forever. Where were these people going? They were about to embark on HAVOC's 3rd annual Alternative Spring Break. They were heading to Florida, but not to bask on exotic beaches all day as would many of their peers. They were about to dedicate a part of their spring break to helping other, less fortunate, people in a very tangible way.

The thirty students went to Florida to help Habitat for Humanity in their efforts to build affordable housing for those who are still living in temporary shelters as a result of the devastation caused in 1992 by Hurricane Andrew. We joined about 300 other students from around the country at the main Habitat site at Homestead, the area hardest hit by the hurricane. Habitat for Humanity is in the process of building a 90-home neighborhood for low-income families, and about half of the project is completed. The Hamilton crew was assigned to help with about four houses being built from steel framing. We were split up into various teams; one made metal studs, another made window frames, another assembled wall segments, and still another helped raise the walls and apply plywood. Under the warm sun and in the gentle breeze, all thirty of us enjoyed getting to know each other as well as folks from other colleges. Despite the occasional rain, sunburns, and injured fingers, we all drew satisfaction at knowing that our time and work were helping to make tangible, concrete progress towards alleviating the hardships of many people. The students who had gone to Homestead last year were able to see that the homes they had worked on are now completely finished with families already moved in. It is a testimony to what can be accomplished when people come together to achieve a common goal, and Hamilton students were a vital part of that.

Students help to rebuild homes

"I had a great time in Florida," said Carl Stamm '95. "I think I learned a lot about Habitat, about myself, about Hurricane Andrew, and steel-frame houses....I am also pretty proud of the work our group accomplished during the week in Homestead." Michelle McDonald '98 reflected, "I had a great time and definitely hope to do it again next year." Matt Berman '98 had the following to say about the trip: "Alternative Spring Break was great! The experience was better than I had imagined at all. I didn't realize how much our single week of time helped to build houses for the victims of Hurricane Andrew.....I had a wonderful time and hope to do it again next year!!"

We would like to thank all of you who contributed to our efforts. Thank you to all who came to our benefit concerts, the Hamiltones, Buffers, and Special-K, those who contributed to our penny drive, the President's Office, the Dean of Student's Office, Student Assembly, St. James' Church in Clinton, the Presbytery of Utica, Mrs. Robert A. Seeley, George & Pinny Kuckel, and Mrs. Louis F. Ruf. We could not have done it without the incredible support of the community, and we hope that you will continue to help Alternative Spring Break in future years. Special thanks go out to Janna Roche, Chaplain, Christine Neufeld '96, and Liz Jackson '97 for all the time and effort they put into organizing and leading the Alternative Spring Break Program to Homestead. If anyone is interested in being involved with or supporting Alternative Spring Break, please contact Chaplain Janna Roche at (315) 859-4130.

Hamiltonians Invade Normandy

By Joseph Saponaro '96
Special to Features

Well, not really, but we did make it as far as Colgate University. This Sunday (why I'm writing about it I don't know) Scott Kocher '97, Steve Markoff '95, Naeem Sheikh '96 and I mounted some trusty bicycles and set off down the Hill into the wild blue yonder to see what the hell Colgate is like.

Actually, the primary motivation for our trip was simply to take a nice bike ride but soon the idea of visiting a nearby (twenty miles away) Ivory Tower made us so giddy we had to stop and rest every three hundred feet.

The road to Colgate was paved, however, with not only good intentions but also limitless dangers, which we heroically overcame. On the way a passing truck sent its whole muffler flying across our path onto a grassy hill by the roadside. Later Naeem, in a desperate attempt to avoid an overly excited, charging dog, sped across the street about ten feet in front of an overly excited, charging pickup truck!

He executed this daring maneuver, of course, with consummate skill and finesse. This was only the beginning of our canine problems for on the way back some accursed, vicious beast nearly ran me off the road in his attempt to chew my head off. Someday I will return to that house and smash that dog with the aforementioned muffler.

But we did, after all, arrive in the village of Hamilton intact. Before informally touring the practically deserted campus, we visited the Curtiss E. Frank Dining Hall for brunch where we met our friendly hostess Michelle, who was luckily still taking reservations.

Colgate, by the way, employs the Marriott food service in its halls. The hall (can you believe this?) offers papaya spears. Yes, dried papaya! We got giddy again. Our impressions of the dining hall were generally quite positive and I'll list a few of our astute observations:

- The pepper shaker on the table at which we sat was bigger than the salt shaker.
- The doilies on the table were smaller than those in McEwen.
- In fact, the tables were smaller as well.
- The Frank Dining Hall holds a maximum of 700 people.
- Papaya spears.
- One of the guys working behind the food counter was named Ernie.
- The hall is not a large open space like the halls at Hamilton; brick walls surround and protect the tables, thereby generating a more intimate and restaurant-like atmosphere in which you could almost play hide-and-seek.
- Steve's omelette was so gargantuan that it could have fed Godzilla.
- The trays were (nonregularly) hexagonal so that I had to put one of my glasses on one of my plates due to insufficient space.
- They had the slowest conveyor belt for trays I have ever seen. Naeem speculated that this was planned so that the food would decompose before it reached the kitchen staff, thus relieving it of extra work.

Since it took us three hours to reach Colgate, we realized that if we lingered any longer we'd have to find the Res Life office and ask for rooms.

So we prepared for our journey homeward; this included performing various tasks such as dribbling water onto our shirts and the ground instead of into our mouths (Naeem), spending twenty minutes arranging our protective headgear (Joe), and removing a strand of grass from an eye (Steve). Without Scott leading the way the remaining three of us probably would have perished in the woods.

We did, of course, eventually make it back home, triumphant and so exhausted that it hurt to eat dinner. But our invasion was successful. So successful, in fact, that no one at Colgate even knew that we were there.

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Mind Matters: coming out is not an easy thing to do

By Alicia Buoni '95

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What would it be like to tell a friend that you are gay, bisexual, or lesbian? Have you ever wondered about your own sexual orientation? If you weren't sure and needed to talk, where would you go? Who would you turn to? Many people on college campuses across the United States dealing with these issues are afraid to come out of "the closet". Their fear is, in part, a concern about how these new understandings of themselves will effect their lives, friendships, and family relationships.

Most homosexuals grow up in a heterosexual environment where they almost exclusively receive support to be heterosexual. They see no other way of life. They are conditioned from childhood to believe that a heterosexual life is the only "normal" way to live. Although many gay people realize their feelings for the same sex at a very early age, they are not allowed to acknowledge those feelings as legitimate. Many only hope that these feelings will "go away." When these feelings persist and surface again, it's often a very confusing time; for many a time of denial, self hate, and extreme turmoil.

A close male friend of mine recently "came out" after twenty four years of self denial. Even though his feelings were there for a long time, he was repeatedly reminded how awful it would be to be gay. "I can't be that. I hate those people." He believed that hating homosexuals was his only choice in order to be a "normal" heterosexual male at his college. Those individuals who do choose to step out of the closet fear losing the support and acceptance they currently have, leaving them feeling alone and uncertain about their own identity. Many become "high risk" for being victimized by violence, verbal abuse, homelessness, substance abuse, suicide, and dropping out of school. We only need to read the newspapers and pay attention to our own school situation for confirmation.

Sexuality is a very confusing subject, especially when "only six percent of the homosexual community is exclusively gay" or straight. The most widely accepted research on this subject was done by Dr. Alfred Kinsey in the late 40's and 50's. He developed a seven point continum based on peoples degrees of sexual responsiveness with zero being exclusively heterosexual and six representing the exclusively homosexual. Kinsey's scale shows is that there is a very low percentage of people in the world who have feelings **only** for one sex or the other.

Almost everyone in their lifetime will have a homosexual experience or feeling. "37% of all men have experienced an orgasm in sexual activity with another male sometime in their lifetime. 60% of all men have had some type of homosexual relationship before they were sixteen, and 30% of all men had some type of homosexual relationship between the ages of 20-24" according to Kinsey. Why then does homophobia exist when most people have had sexual attractions or fantasies about the same sex? How can we label the heterosexual way of life the "normal" and correct way to live? How can we victimize, beat, oppress and discourage something most of us experience at some point in our lives? We must examine and question our own discomfort. We must educate ourselves to answer these questions and speak openly because homophobia is not an acceptable prejudice!

As you may know, Coming Out Dayat Hamilton has come and gone. I was sad to see it end. Hopefully the day helped us realize that there is support for those looking to declare their gay, lesbian, or bisexual orientation. The day did show that people are available to listen and support each of us for who we are.

When and if someone "comes out" to you, it means they trust you and believe you will support them. "Coming out" is a big step; an act of caring, "a sign of good mental health and self esteem." Please do not deny anyone these rights. Many lesbians and gays may not be "out" because they fear the anticipated responses from others. Realize that not everyone is heterosexual or has those interests. Many of us are guilty of assuming the people around us have the same sexual interests. Often we may not be careful about the language we use. Just as we would hope that others respect our rights, it's important that we respect and be sensitive to the rights and opinions of others.

If someone comes out to you, let them know you are still their friend. Be there for them. If you know of someone who may be struggling with their identity, be supportive, encouraging and vocal. Bring up the issue on your own, maybe this person wants to tell someone, but can not do it alone. Try to be as compassionate as you can. How would you feel if you were in this person's situation? It's a time of significant vulnerability.

At Hamilton there are two very active groups involved with these issues. PRIDE is a private place where gays, lesbians and bisexuals or anyone questioning their sexual identity have a chance to talk to people feeling the same way. PRIDE is strictly confidential. The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Association (GLBSA) is an organization for anyone who supports gay rights or wants to organize activities to help educate the Hamilton population. If you have any questions about these groups or would like to join, call Jackie Keegan or Jeff Spahn.

Homophobia is like any other prejudice. It requires ignorance to fuel fear and hatred. Education is one of the ways we can conquer fear. It's time for us to start, or continue, with our education for a lifetime. Take five minutes to think about it and figure out where your prejudices come from. Is it ignorance or can you simply not accept diversity? We are always told to be proud of what makes us different.

The Society Cooks

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may not have the worst of times finding new employment. Still, his 15 year hiatus from the "real world" has him worried.

"After the results [of the study] came out," he explained, "a friend and member of the administration came up to me and said, 'Don't worry, Randy. We know you'll land on your feet.' While I did take it as a compliment, it also kind of left a bad taste in my mouth."

The bad taste also comes from his belief that it is evident that the Res. Life Decision has nothing to do with fraternity issues or putting people on an equal playing field (he was quick to point out the difficulty of such a thing at around $25,000 per semester).

"And make it clear," he said, "that I feel the administration owes me nothing. I will survive."

Don't forget, Al-Ham weekend begins today. Be sure to join in the fun and festivities!!

Antarctica and the expedition

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destined for the Russian Antarctic station. We finally landed on an ice runway on the Ross Ice Shelf approximately eight hours later both relieved and amazed to finally be there. The return trip to New Zealand was quite different. We sailed for seven days on the Palmer from the Ross Sea to Lyttleton, New Zealand. Crossing some of the worst seas in the world was interesting as the swells made for an exciting roller coaster ride that at times seemed to never end. Fortunately, neither of us fell victim to sea sickness.

We get a lot of questions on the weather down there, so here is at least what we experienced. From February to March Antarctica is in late summer and heading into the early part of fall. At this time, the weather in Antarctica is not much different from the middle of winter in Clinton, New York. In fact, while we were down there, Clinton had some colder temperatures. One of the main exceptions was that the sun did not set; Antarctica experiences the austral summer (24 hours of daylight). Towards the end of our trip we got a few hours of darkness as we headed north away from the continent. As a result, the sun was very low in the sky for many hours each day and therefore, we saw some of the most beautiful sunsets and sunrises. The amount of cloudiness was also a very noticeable weather component. Not being much different from life on The Hill, 90% of the time we were under cloudy skies. The rare sunny days proved to be some of the more memorable ones. Temperatures ranged from about -10 to +30 degrees Fahrenheit, and wind chills dipped much lower as there always seemed to be a constant wind. What made the cold different was

PHOTO BY THE AUTHORS

Martin, Jordan and Prof. Domack on the Nathaniel B. Palmer

that there was almost zero humidity in the air. We used to think that things got dry around here, but having to drink at least 4 or 5 large glasses of water per day in order to avoid dehydration attests to how severe it was. During the last week of our expedition, we definitely got a taste of Antarctica's rath. Temperatures dropped tremendously and the open ocean began to freeze over with the early stages of sea ice. We encountered the most severe storms of the trip at this time, as weather patterns over the entire southern hemisphere were making their transition into winter. These storms rocked the ship tremendously.

A very popular question being asked concerns the types of animal life we encountered. The penguins were certainly memorable. There were many Adelie and Emperor penguins around the edges of broken sea ice. Emperor's are the largest species of penguin on Earth, reaching 1 meter in height. Seals were also very abundant as we saw various species. A couple of times we got a good look at Orcas (or the infamous killer) whales. Constantly being drawn to the large orange ship in the middle of nowhere were different types of birds such as Albatross, Skuas, and petrels which all had an amazing capability for gliding. By the way, there are no polar bears in the Antarctic (they could not survive like they do in the Arctic). Even though we were in what seemed to be the harshest of environments, the animals we saw constantly reminded us that we were not alone.

Getting back into the swing of things here at Hamilton has not been easy. The final draft of our senior thesis are due this week and we have more than enough catching up in our classes. Also of great concern is figuring out what life will be all about after graduation. Keeping that all in mind, though, the Antarctic experience is one which will never be forgotten. It is now becoming clear that any sacrifices we made were well worth it.

FYI: Testicular cancer

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

Women are constabtly reminded of the need to have routine tests such as PAP smears and mammograms to detect early signs of cancer. They are taught to do a self breast exam and encouraged to perform it monthly so that they can monitor their bodies for the first signs of malignancy.

But what about men? When was the last time you read an article or saw a segment of a TV news show reporting on testicular cancer? More importantly, since you reached adolescence, has your health care provider talked to you about the importance of testicular self exam and showed you how to do it?

Testicular cancer is not as prevalent as many other forms of cancer but it is the most common type of cancer among men between the ages of 15 and 34. Men who had undescended testicles as children are at higher risk for developing this cancer. It is also more common in white men and in sons of women that were exposed to the hormone DES. It may surprise you to know that trauma is not a risk factor in developing testicular cancer. (But you still need to wear those cups.)

The good news here is that this is one of the most curable types of cancer if detected and treated early. And the even better news is that it can be easily detected by doing a simple 3 minute testicular self exam (TSE) once a month.

The easiest time to perform a TSE is after a warm shower when the scrotal skin is more relaxed and easier to examine. In order to detect any abnormalities, you need to become familiar with what your testicles normally feel like. They should be smooth, egg-shaped, and firm. One testicle is often larger than the other. Once you are comfortable with that, you should be able to detect any lumps by gently rolling each testicle between the thumbs and fingers. You should also note any swelling or tender spots. The Health Center has pamphlets (with diagrams) that describe exactly how to do a TSE.

The first sign of testicular cancer is usually a hard, painless lump the size of a pea. Sometimes there is a "dragging" or heavy feeling of the scrotum or dull pain in the groin area. These symptoms can also be caused by other less serious problems but all abnormalities need to be further investigated by your health care provider. This cancer can be devastating because it affects young men in the prime of their lives. It can be physically and psycologically debilitating. If not detected early, it can metastasize to the lungs and other major organs. Isn't it worth your time to learn how to perform this simple exam and then take the 3 minutes a month to do it?

Calvin and Hobbes
by Bill Watterson

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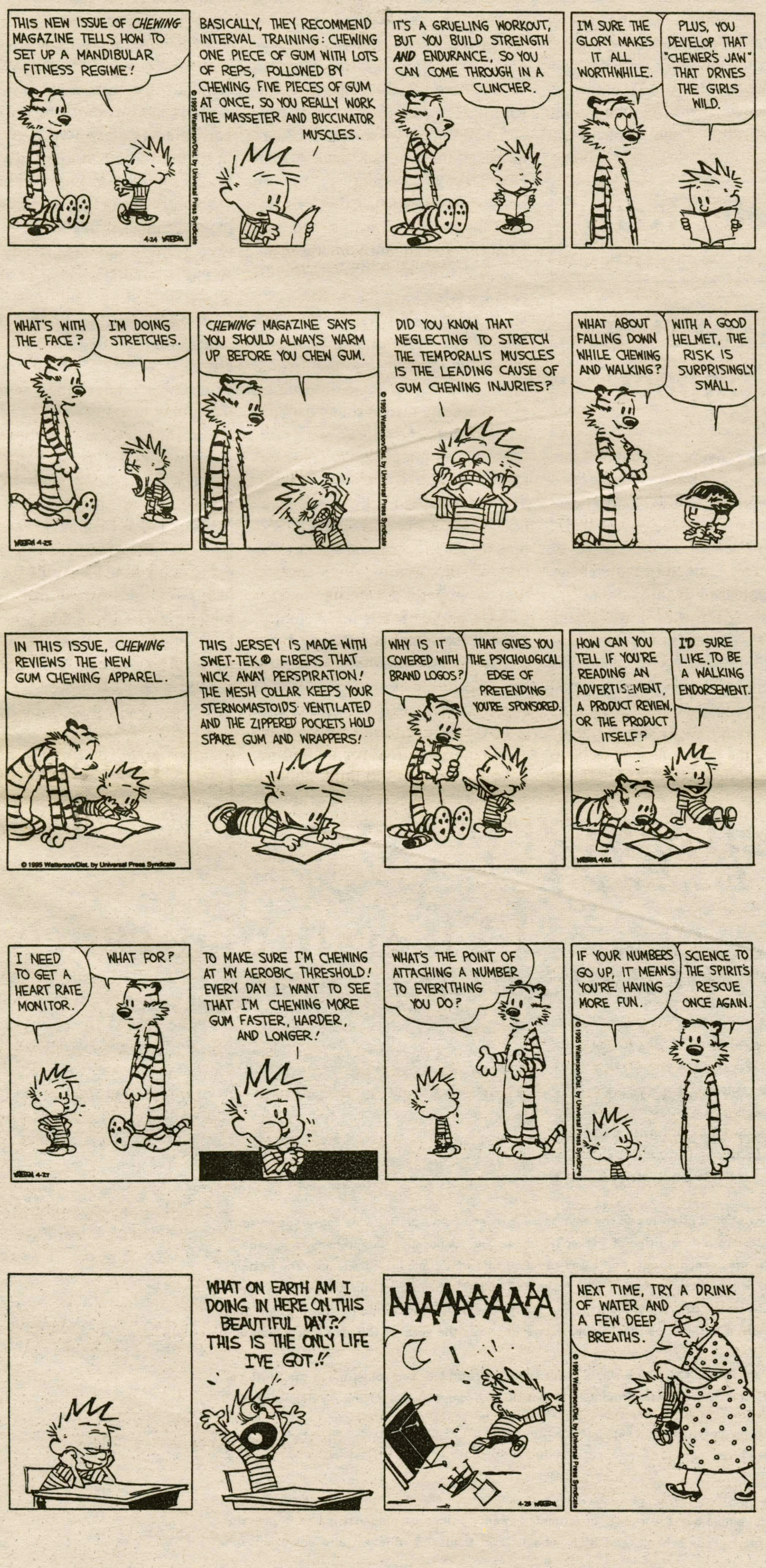

Quotable Quotes

By Joshua Ribner '97

"Well if I get this, it won't matter what I do next year!"
-Alicia Buoni '95 on her post graduation prospects as she seals her Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes envelope.

"Donnie Osmond - who's he? Is he in the Partridge Family?"
-Matt Berman '98, a "Donnie look alike" to three seniors. (Does that make anyone feel old?)

"Rednecks and Techno, that's all you need for this week's sign that the apocalypse is upon us!"
-Josh Stahl '97 discussing Hamilton dance parties.

"You follow me around because you know I'll say something stupid."
-Adeline Cook '95, sitting in the wrong place at the wrong time when Ribner is in the house.

"I consider myself to be my own girlfriend."
-Sam Walker '96 on companionship.

Send all your Quotable Quotes to *The Spectator* through campus mail.

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Shopping until we drop: Harnessing our motives to change

Peter Kelly

Growing Impact

After reading my last article (on the environmental effects of our consumption binge), you may have thought, "Hey, can things really be *that* bad?" Aren't we moving into a post-industrial society of benign services and high-tech, low-environmental-impact goods? Well, yes, it's true that the industrial sector is shrinking in relative terms, but that's no cause for complacency. Though they are leveling off, material markets for traditional consumer goods are enormous and still growing in absolute terms. We're so consumption-oriented and so rich that we're consuming the new high-tech goods and services *in addition* to everything else. We continue to gobble up minerals, fuels, and water and to stress the environment just as we always have. It's like thinking you're going on a diet by having a low-cal dessert after pigging out on a huge meal. Unless we change our fundamental cultural attitudes, we will continue to demand growth, and we will have no hesitation about consuming any new kinds of products.

Yet I'm fairly optimistic that we will begin to make fundamental changes before the limits of nature force such changes upon us. My reason is simple: Consumerism is not providing us with happy and satisfying lives. We are rich beyond the wildest dreams of the founders of the capitalist system, yet we are unable to enjoy our wealth. Despite spending twice as much as our parents did in 1957, we are not twice as happy. Polls tell us that the portion of Americans reporting that they're "very happy" has remained constant at around 1/3. We are no happier than before, because a desire for things has left us dissatisfied when we aren't richer than our parents, reduced our leisure time, and eroded our sense of community. As we get richer materially, we get poorer spiritually. We have paid the price for honoring "profits before prophets."

Consumerism and rising expectations build dissatisfaction into our lives. As long as we feel that we must be richer than our parents, our fellow citizens, and even ourselves a few years ago, then we will never be happy. It's amazing how many people think they would be happy if they had just twice their current income, whether that means moving from \$15,000 to \$30,000 or from \$1 million to \$2 million. But once we have achieved modest comfort, we can get little further satisfaction out of consumption itself. A person in a poor country earning a high income relative to others in his country is likely to feel happier than someone in the lower-income range of a high-income country, even if the second person has a higher absolute income. If our satisfaction continues to be related only to outdoing others and not to our wealth itself, many will inevitably be dissatisfied, whether they're getting richer or not. I don't underestimate the difficulties in de-emphasizing materialism and making consumerism unfashionable, but our present dissatisfaction should provide some motivation.

You would think that the consumer society would at least provide us with rewarding leisure time. What's happened, though, is that our spending binge has decreased both the amount and quality of our leisure time. Even though full-time work is less necessary than ever in our efficient economy, we spend so much money that we can't cut back on our work. How much convenience and pleasure do you really get out of that new car if you're working a good part of the month just to make the payments?

A full day at most jobs leaves people pretty drained of the creative energy they need to enjoy the rest of their time, and they flop down in front of the TV. (The average American TV is on 7 hours per day!) My point is not to trash TV. If people believe that TV really improves their lives, then who am I to say they shouldn't watch? But in fact, on a list of 22 leisure activities, Americans ranked TV-watching 17th—far below things like reading, which they do much less of. National comparisons suggest that working more may increase total TV-watching: The Japanese work more and watch more TV than Americans, while Europeans work less and watch less TV.

If we worked less and spent less, we'd live happier lives because our leisure time would be spent on fulfilling activities. Visits of friends and neighbors, conversations, and time at family meals have all declined since mid-century. Yet we know deep down that these activities are more rewarding and less isolating than relentless shopping and TV-watching. Terminally ill people, who have been forced to learn what's actually important in life, always spend their last few months in non-consuming pursuits. We should learn from their wisdom.

I'm not suggesting that we all put on hair shirts and take vows of poverty, as the radical "arcadian" environmentalists would have us do. They would dismantle urban technological society and scatter everyone to small communities in the countryside—an idealistic notion that is hopelessly impractical at today's population level. Actually, doing these things would make many environmental problems worse by increasing transportation distances and rejecting environmentally friendly technologies. And how many of us would want to spend the rest of our lives on an organic bean farm? Obviously, only a totalitarian government would even attempt such a massive relocation.

Instead, what I advocate is that, over a period of, say, a generation, we roll back consumption to a sustainable level. Just how far we'd have to go to reach sustainability is a matter of dispute and would depend partly on the success of new technologies. Realistically, we might aim for a worldwide consumption level equivalent to that of Western Europe in the mid-1970s, though we might have to go further. For most middle-class Americans this would involve major changes in habits and expectations, but by no means any hardships. It wouldn't mean destroying any long-lasting traditions, either. Compared to, say, the democratization or urbanization of Western society, the end of consumerism would be a small change, with relatively few human costs.

Certainly, we want to avoid a harsh transition imposed by nature. But how *can* we stem consumption? How can we channel our personal dissatisfactions and environmental concerns into change? We're going to need many approaches, but clearly, uncoordinated individual efforts—no matter how well intended—will not be enough. If we act on our own or if we feel forced, periods of simplicity are likely to be followed by a reaction of binge consumption; time and

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EARTH DAY '95

April 22 : 25th anniversary

A History of Earth Day

Excerpts from Catalyst Conference Speech
University of Illinois, October 6, 1990
by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Founder of Earth Day

"The idea was to persuade President Kennedy to give national attention to the environment by going on a nationwide conservation tour, spelling out in dramatic language the serious and deteriorating condition of our environment, and proposing a comprehensive agenda to begin addressing the problem. No President had ever made such a tour, and I was satisfied this would force the issue onto the nation's political agenda...... The President liked the idea and began his conservation tour in the Fall of 1963. Senators Hubert Humphrey, Gene McCarthy, Joe Clark, and I accompanied the President on the first leg of his trip. For many reasons the tours didn't achieve what I had hoped for -it did not succeed in making the environment a national political issue. However it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day.

In a speech given in Seattle in September, I formally announced that there would be an environmental teach-in sometime in the Spring of 1970. The wire services carried the story nationwide. the response was dramatic. It took off like gangbusters. Using my Senate staff, I ran Earth Day activities out of my office. By December the movement had expanded so rapidly that it became necessary to open an office in downtown Washington. For a stipend and expenses we hired a group of conscientious college students who did an excellent job organizing college campuses.

Earth Day had achieved what I had hoped for. The objective was to get a nationwide demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake the political arena. It was a gamble but it worked. An estimated twenty million people participated in peaceful demonstrations all across the country. Ten thousand grade schools and high schools, two thousand colleges, and one thousand communities were involved.

Don't ever forget,-if you want to move the nation to make hard decisions on political issues, the grassroots is the source of power. With it you can do anything-without it nothing.

Facts To Think About On Earth Day........ and Everyday!

Facts and Tips

Don't waste your Student Assembly votes in anger

Eric Ritvo

The Final Cut

One thing is certain when Hamilton students cast their votes for next year's representatives to Student Assembly. If they vote for candidates running out of anger towards the Residential Life Study results, they are wasting their vote.

As a current class representative and someone affiliated with Hamilton College bureaucracy, I can safely say that Student Assembly is not the place to voice the issues and affect the kind of change needed.

This is not a personal attack on any one candidate in particular. I do not know many of the candidates and hence cannot develop an opinion on them. Moreover, it is general annoyance at a theme common to many platforms. I have noticed a trend on campus where there is anger towards one issue, a person runs for class representative and then realizes they are in a less powerful position than before.

For candidates and individuals disgruntled at the decision, the place to change the decision is not in Student Assembly. Without entering into a debate about co-optation and its possible status on Hamilton College (see government major Tracee Plowell, Class President '95, for more info), I implore individuals to get involved now when decisions are being made. Granted, the largest decision of all - removal of off-campus living and fraternity houses - has been made and its possible turn around will be decided in Hamilton's own version of the people versus O.J. Simpson. Yet, the rest of decisions are being decided **now**, and without active student input **now**, I foresee a possible third march in three years to correct these problems.

Candidates hoping to affect the results should be getting on these committees, or next year's student residential life committee, not student assembly. With the notable exception of Pataki's cuts, when it comes to campus issues, the student assembly is a stagnant body moving at glacier speeds. These committees are on the fast track and student involvement ends with finals. So, if candidates are genuinely serious about framing the Residential Life Study results to community needs, then get on the committees. Otherwise, do everyone a favor and withdraw from the race.

As students, it is our job to elect the best representatives. This year the best candidates are those who do not resolve to rectify the Res. Life decision. If you are going to vote for them, you might as well not vote. But Hamilton students already have that trick-down, let's try something new. Your vote is yours, use it intelligently.

Peter Kelly continues series on problem of excess consumption

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again, this has been the fate of individual or group attempts at simplification. Individuals are also likely to focus on one easy or obvious thing. They may, for example, start indiscriminately buying in bulk, which may reduce packaging and transportation, but increase waste, especially of perishable goods. Left on our own, we're also likely to fall for purely symbolic corporate gimmicks, such as Texaco's offer to give out a tree to anyone who bought 8 gallons of gasoline. Even if the tree survived (most planted by amateurs don't), it would need 4 years to store the carbon released by burning the 8 gallons of gasoline!

Particularly in the early stages of the transition, the individual will need a lot of support. I envision voluntary simplicity groups that could do everything from providing moral support, to exchanging information and ideas, to running consumption-reduction contests. Even people like college students, who aren't consuming a lot yet, need to begin to change. Our habits with respect to luxuries are formed in childhood and adolescence. In the transition, schools could include in the curriculum analyses of advertising tactics, and they could encourage students to devalue fashion. I doubt that many parents would object, as long as these lessons avoided heavy-handed propaganda.

OK, talk is cheap. But what will happen to the economy if we drastically cut consumption? I'll try to answer that question in my next article.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students of color protest mention in ISC's alternate residential proposal

To the editor:

On Thursday, April 13th 1995, the Inter Society Council performed a series of actions in protest of the Residential Life Decision. While we do affirm anyone's right to protest, we do have some problems with the symbolism, some of the messages, and the co-optive language of this protest.

Among the actions the ISC had taken that day, was a gathering in front of the library. At some point during that gathering, they built shantytowns. As you know, the building of shantytowns was a tactic used during the divestment movement to remind the Hamilton community of the oppressive conditions that black South Africans had to live in within South Africa. To see the ISC building shantytowns is a slap in the face to those who have participated in the divestment movement, and to Caroline Thomas '95 who has spent some time studying this movement and presenting it to the campus.

The use of shantytowns in this protest also indicates the lack of respect to the homeless population who genuinely have no place to live. ISC members have been forced to move out of their society houses, but they still have places to live. All Hamilton students are privileged to go here. As Hamilton students, we get room and board, food service, telephone service, access to computer facilities, cable television, etc., not to mention the academic resources we have available, and the ISC members act like they are being thrown onto the lawn. They should be grateful that they have access to places like this, because many people outside of Hamilton do not.

There were several signs carried by ISC members that mentioned that ALCC should not have the right to use the ALCC. This is elaborated further in their document, *A Better Hamilton: An Alternate Proposal to the Report of the Committee on Residential Life.* We have several problems with their stance regarding the ALCC. Before elaborating further, there are a few facts that need to be straightened out:

1. The Afro Latin Cultural Center (ALCC) is a building, not an organization. The Black and Latin Student Union (BLSU), and La Vanguardia are two organizations that meet in the ALCC.
2. The BLSU (then the Black Student Union) existed before the ALCC was established.
3. The establishment of the ALCC was not a recruitment decision on Hamilton's part. It was established only after members of the BLSU demanded a place where they could feel comfortable as black students on a predominantly white campus.
4. What Jan Coates meant was that the ALCC would not be residential space for anyone on this campus.
5. The ALCC is owned by the school, and is designated by Hamilton as a cultural center that is dedicated to Black and Latino cultures that is open to the entire campus. Therefore, any member of the Hamilton community who wants to use this space can.

As students of color on this predominantly white campus, we are constantly being excluded from the campus' social life, decisions, policies, etc. Now, you want to deny us the right to go to the one place where we can get away from the rest of the campus. You would probably say the same thing about your society houses but think about this: You go to a college where everyone has different values than you; everyone around you parties a different way than you do; a college that actively recruits people like you; where you are in a living situation in dormitories where you can simply be yourself; etc. Most of you do not have to worry about that while you are at Hamilton, but as students of color, most of us do. Do not complain about the loss of your privileges until you consider the effects of those privileges on those who do not have those privileges.

Finally, we do not appreciate the co-optation of "inclusive multicultural" language in the name of an "inclusive Hamilton" when the whole purpose of the proposal is to maintain and build upon the privileges of society members. Please do not include us in a document that shows no respect for our existence in this college.

Josie Collier '97
Cynthia C. Mondesir '95
Monique L. Green '96
Myron Brown '96
Mary B. Dias '98

Student emphasizes importance of social development as part of college life

To the editor:

As other students contemplate the changes that will be transforming Hamilton, I am, like many seniors, mostly focused on finding a job and trying to figure out what I want to do with my life. In thinking about the future, however, I have reflected upon my past here on the Hill. I have realized that the greatest things that Hamilton has given me have been the chance to develop intellectually and, perhaps more importantly, the chance to develop socially. I truly believe that college is a crucial time for young people to learn how to interact with peers and to gain social confidence. I think its terrific that Hamilton wants to create a more academic environment, but I am concerned that the new Hamilton will lack the social component that gives the school the academic/social balance that attracted me to Hamilton five years ago.

When I decided to come to Hamilton, part of my decision was based on the social life offered here. Hamilton represented the competitive liberal arts school that I wanted, with a Greek system that represented opportunities for socializing.

In our society, so much emphasis is placed on intellectualism, but when it comes down to it, one's ability to interact socially will give that person more confidence in his or her interpersonal skills and, in turn, more comfortable with themselves. College, in retrospect, has not been about grades but about learning about myself, learning how to communicate with people and how to achieve a balance between work and play.

I am not arguing in favor of fraternities necessarily, I simply want to ask those in charge, when making decisions for the college, to please remember that the social aspect of one's education is extremely important to personal growth. So often at Hamilton it seems that students' social activities are frowned upon. I believe that with our understanding of how important social skills are in the world, letting loose, having fun and being "wild" should not always be viewed as a negative aspect of college life. It has not been those late nights in the library, but rather it has been the social dimension of my time here that allows me to say that the last four years have been the best years of my life. I hope that members of the class of 1999 and beyond will be able to say the same.

Thanks Hamilton and good luck!

Sonja Raslavicus '95

Share your views.
Write to *The Spectator*.

EDITORIAL

Make on-line information a priority

Imagine that you are in the Burke Library researching a topic for your government paper due in five days. Your topic requires information from a variety of sources, including recent court rulings and the written opinions of judges. After discovering what appears to be an ideal case to support the argument in your paper, you begin the task of searching the reference section in hope of finding the written opinion. But alas, after you have looked for a half hour, you realize the library does not have the document you need.

You are told you can get what you need through interlibrary loan, but that will require waiting more than a week. Frustrated, you look for an article printed in a journal article published two months earlier. The library carries this journal, but when you search for it in the stacks, it is not there. After inquiring with a librarian, you learn that the issue of the journal you need has been sent out for binding and will not be back for two weeks.

This situation is all-too-familiar to many Hamilton students. Yet, it would not occur if students had access to an on-line information service, such as LEXIS-NEXIS or any number of other available resources. Through these services, students and professors alike would have access to every type of imaginable document at the push of a button. Research on any topic would be vastly simplified, and the time required to do it would be cut by more than half. After typing in only a few key words, hundreds, if not thousands of documents would appear, in full text, on your computer screen. The information available is tens, if not hundreds of times greater than the contents of all the on-line resources currently available to Hamilton students. Even the highly touted Worldwide Web, now available though the Internet at the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center does not match the information resources available through various on-line services.

As construction of the Campus Network nears completion, now would be an ideal time for Hamilton to purchase a service agreement with an on-line service, like LEXIS/NEXIS. Students could then have direct access to all the information they need, directly from their rooms, just as students at many competing colleges and universities already do.

The greatest obstacle to acquisition of an on-line service is its cost. Educational discounts for LEXIS/NEXIS are no longer available for new subscribers, and commercial rates are considerably higher. The library staff, which is currently seeking to subscribe to LEXIS/NEXIS, estimates the cost of the service for Hamilton would be $20,000 annually. However, for something that provides enormous benefits to the entire College, this cost should not be a deterrent and should not be borne by the library alone, with its limited budget. Compared to other costs the College incurs, this one would be minimal. This investment is justifiable on educational grounds alone. Perhaps a senior class could fund acquisition of an on-line service as a class gift. Few things could offer the campus greater benefits.

Acquisition of a comprehensive, on-line information network should be a top priority of the College. A first-rate academic institution must provide its students with first-rate information access. Hamilton must take steps to meet this end.

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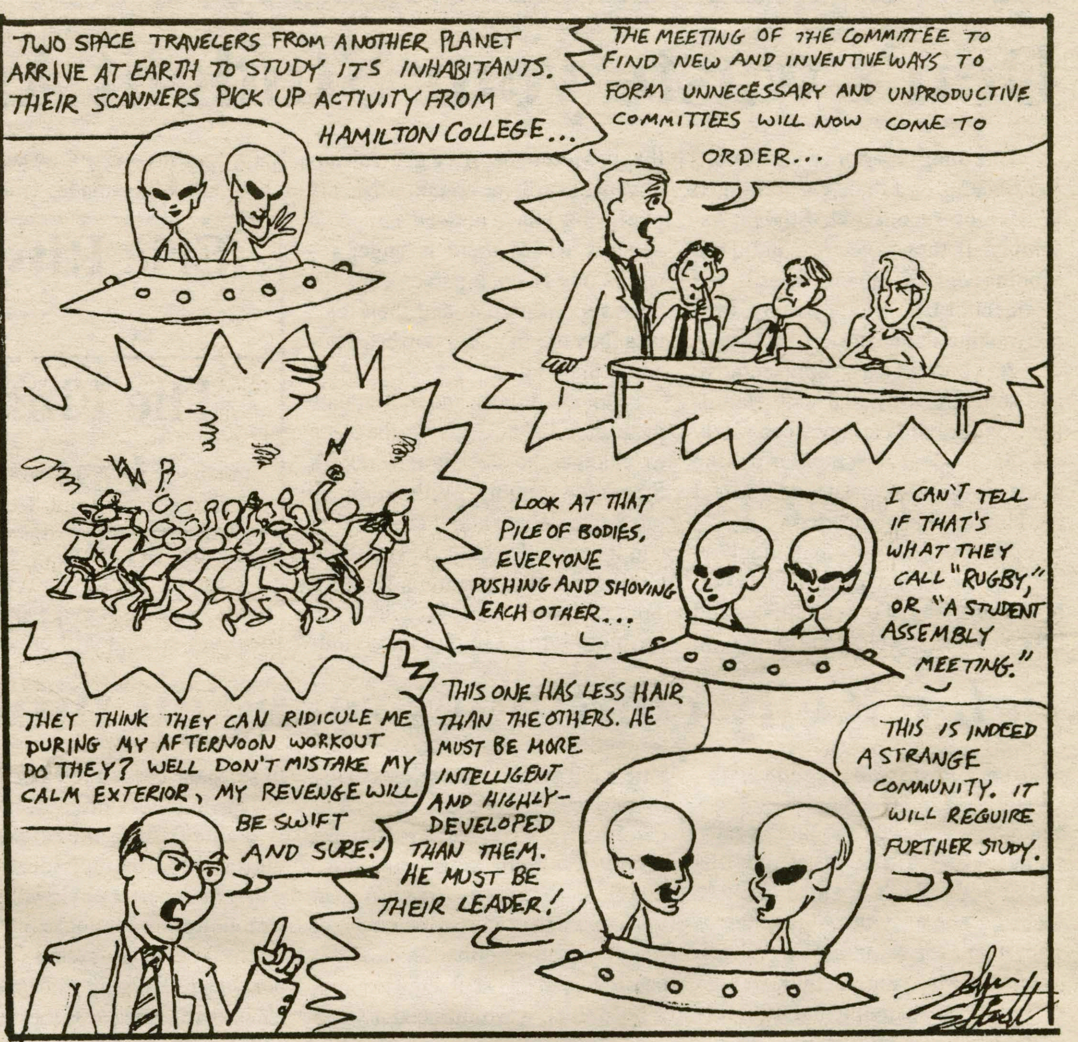

Letters to the Editor

Spectator took student's quote out of context

To the editor:

I am writing because I was quoted in the article "Marching protestors visit Commons . . ." on page five of last week's *Spectator.* Although pieces of my comment are quoted correctly, the transition I made between my first and second points has been replaced with ellipses. My statement as printed in *The Spectator* reads, "[The shanty towns are] a real slap in the face for the people who fought against apartheid here" and then, "The societies build shanty towns as if to say that . . . living like every other student is taking away some right." What I actually said was:

The shanty towns built in front of the library are a real slap in the face to the people who fought against apartheid here. There is a major confusion between rights and privileges going on. It is a right to have food and shelter. It is a privilege to live in private housing as a member of an elite society, and must be recognized as such. The societies build shanty towns as if to say that being asked to live like every other student violates some basic human right. [How can these students compare their situation to the beatings, rapes, and murders suffered by black South Africans during Apartheid?]

(Similarly, students on this campus frequently confuse the terms "censure," as in to criticize, with "censor," as in to purposefully silence. For example, in criticizing the choices made by the protestors, I am not censoring them. I do not have the power, nor would I want the power to censor anyone. On the other hand, this community has an obligation, as officially stated in college policy, to censure and criticize, antisocial, racist, classist, sexist, and homophobic acts).

Quotes and pieces of information are frequently misprinted or not fully contextualized in *The Spectator.* The trend is incredibly frustrating and ultimately keeps people from giving their opinions to the paper for fear of being misinterpreted and having to deal with the consequences. Noting the misquote a week later is hardly as effective as getting the words right in the first place—the meaning of the wrong quote has already been absorbed by the readers. Since *The Spectator* is the primary, if not the sole forum for discourse on this campus, it seems as if the editors and staff would make a point of quoting or paraphrasing opinions correctly; in a community where so much misunderstanding already surrounds all issues, especially political issues, we need a newspaper that helps clear up misconceptions, not complicate them.

p.s. Last week's issue included another mistake: the News Brief about the NOW rally in Washington says that Patricia Ireland is the director of Planned Parenthood. Ireland is in fact the director of NOW, the National Organization for Women

Jess Klein '95

Steve from Roma's thanks Hamilton for support

To the editor:

I just want to sincerely thank *The Spectator* for printing my previous letter. I hope that the administration did not get upset with you, as I am aware of their need to make an example, any example, due to recent problems on campus.

I am sure it will all turn out OK in the end. Although I will never feel safe doing my previous work at the Pizzeria, I have known, and enjoyed knowing, all of the individuals with whom I have become acquainted. I will not forget all of you. God bless you all and thank you again for all your support in this.

Steven Franchell

ISC president clears up error in proposal

To the community:

At this point, most of you have received a copy of *A Better Hamilton—An Alternate Proposal to the Report on the Committee on Residential Life.* Unfortunately, an error slipped by the editors and made its way into the final copy. On page five, there is a list of the societies on behalf of which the report was submitted. The final name on the list should read "Alpha Theta Chi," instead of "Theta Delta Chi." Please note the change.

Neil Fischbein '95
President, ISC

The Spectator: Your voice on the Hill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GLBSA member responds to students' criticism

To the Editor,

I would like to address two of the articles written for the Letters to the Editor section last week. The first letter was written by Brian Sahler '97, "Chalking Obscenities Does Not Help 'Celebrate Sexuality.'" My first question to Brian is: Did he read all of the chalking or just a couple of the sayings? Most of the chalking consisted of sayings such as 'gay is good, bi and proud,' 'I love my gay dad,' 'queer frat boys live & love,' 'pride,' 'queer love,' 'reject heterosexism,' and 'fight homophobia.' I question why he only noticed the ones referring to sex. Could his response stem from the homophobic myth that queer people just have sex all the time with any one else who is queer?

The second point I'd like to make is in regards to his statement about scaring prospectives away from attending Hamilton. He says that prospectives will be offended by such queer visibility. Don't forget that some of those prospectives could be queer themselves and the chalking could actually make them want to come to such an open, accepting place. (Too bad that they do not hear the response to the chalking by such a homophobic and erotiphobic campus). His point was that we would scare away "promising students" who might now be homophobic, as he was when he first arrived on campus, and not have the chance to possibly open up to 'differentness.' I want Hamilton to attract prospectives that are already gay-positive and anti-heterosexist. Why waste our time trying to educate homophobes when we could work with people willing to learn how to make this world a better place?

Thirdly, I would like to address why I chalked sex-positive sayings on campus such as clit-power, clit-to-clit woman, dick loving man, and lick, lick, lick labia. In this day of rampant STDs and HIV/AIDS we need to be willing to talk about sex and safer sex. Becoming comfortable with words used to describe our genitalia is part of this process. Until we know the language it will be difficult for us to talk about it. Apart from learning this language, I also wanted to push people's uncomfortability with queer sex. We live in a day where many people accept tolerance of queerness but do not accept and respect it as a part of this society. Brian said that he "could care less about (his friend's) sexual orientation," if one decided to come out to him. I say that I want everyone to recognize that queerness is a part of us that needs to be cared about. I want people to become comfortable visualizing queer sex in the way they are comfortable watching heterosexual sex in most movies today.

The second article I want to address is by Jeff Cacossa '97, "A Letter to the Hamilton Homosexual Community." He addressed the article "Dear Faggots" saying that he thought we must like the derogatory term since we use it ourselves. Let me explain—the queer community has reclaimed these offensive terms as an empowering practice. We take the terms away from the homophobes. This does not give license to everyone to go around calling people faggots and dykes (by the way, Jeff, there are not only faggots in the world. Dykes live here too.) A queer positive person uses the term as a term of endearment. A homophobe's use is still full of all the hatred and violence from the past.

I will address only one of his points since most of it is homophobic rhetoric attended to in my previous comments to the first article. He states that I am denigrating the flag of "our country." This is not "our country" but his country. I do not consider myself a part of the American flag that considers my sex illegal, does not provide me with the legal privileges heterosexual married couples receive in taxes, insurance, and social acceptance. This flag does not protect my civil rights, therefore I do not consider it mine. I consider the American flag as the flag that rules over me and my body. By converting the stripes into a rainbow I have a flag that includes my person and represents my beliefs. He said that we should not "adopt [the] icon (the American flag) as [our] own" since we did not fight for it. I do not adopt it. I adopt the rainbow flag as mine and I did and do fight for it.

And, I would like to point out two factual flaws in Jeff's article. The administration did "notice" the chalking and ordered Physical Plant to erase all sexually explicit sayings. It seems that our action does not fall under the freedom of speech law, while The Specator can publish the word 'sucks' with its many sexual innuendoes. The second flaw is his assumption that the two Daily Bulls that contained sexual material were from the GLBSA. The GLBSA had nothing to do with either Daily Bull.

Caroline Thomas '95

Spectator article paints unbalanced picture of North Carolina

To the editor:

I am writing in response to an article written by Christine Neufeld about the Habitat for Humanity trip to Franklin, North Carolina. I was very interested to read and see what the group did on their trip to North Carolina and it brought back some great memories of home (like Arnold's Diner) and my childhood (like eating grits!). I was, however, semi-offended by the perception that everyone in this area does not care about anything, that no one works and that all the people are just a bunch of lazy slobs.

I am from the neighboring town where Deliverance was filmed. The scene used in Deliverance is only a 5-10 second spot of one of the streets in town. The area is also the site of many other motion pictures, such as The Fugitive and Nell. I spent most of my life in this area and I would like to give Hamilton another point of view of a place that, to some, seems to be the most impoverished spot in the world.

The area is not a rich community, but every one is not poor and lazy. We do our best and there are some that are on welfare and need help, and they receive this help when they ask for it. There are many hard workers in western North Carolina and I take offense at the negative generalizations made by the author of this article. Poor, lazy and impoverished people are present in all communities in the United States...they are not all living in the mountains of North Carolina.

The area is known as a great tourist attraction. The area is beautiful, and many people travel from all over the U.S. to view a Carolina sunset. I feel that one of the most beautiful sunsets I have ever viewed was from the mountain that separates Franklin from Sylva. Many of my friends live in Franklin and I have some great memories of the place. Maybe if some would take the time to point out the beauty rather than all the negative aspects, a fairer portrait could be painted.

Growing up in this area gave me great respect for the beauties of nature and of people. The children that live here are taught to be nice to everyone and show southern hospitality. The attention they give strangers may not be due to a lack of anything in the home. Maybe they were happy to spend time with a new friend. Some of the nicest people I have ever met live in North Carolina. Not everyone is rich, but this is true of any community. I feel strongly about the fact that the article was very one-sided and I am offended by the negative slant the article had toward Franklin and my hometown of Sylva, North Carolina.

Kristen Faull '97

Societies' demonstration was unoriginal and counterproductive

To the editor:

I was outraged and disgusted after witnessing the Inter-Society Council demonstrations on Thursday. I am all for student activism; if students can protest the existence of private societies on campus, then students should certainly be allowed to protest their abolition. However when the protest degenerates into a display of stupidity and arrogance, the ends can no longer justify the means. I am speaking, of course, of the kegs of beer and hot-dogs that were consumed around a hastily-constructed shanty-town outside Burke Library. Shanty-towns are squalid slums that millions of black South Africans were forced to inhabit without basic amenities and often separate from their families. Over the years it came to symbolize the evils of apartheid in South Africa. A few weeks ago, Caroline Thomas created an exhibit chronicling the divestment campaign at Hamilton. During the campaign, students had erected a shanty-town to drive their point home. Thus, the significance of shanty-towns was well known to the Hamilton community before Thursday's protests. By using that particular icon of oppression, the protesters were clearly making a point: "Look at us! Witness our oppression! We are being victimized!" In fact, their anguish was so great that they felt a bond between themselves and the victims of apartheid in South Africa. To their credit (stoics that they are), they seemed to bear their burden in a mood of considerable hilarity. This dismal effort at drumming up support for a cause demonstrates the level of discourse at this august institution.

Now, if this crass example of insensitivity were the work of a few individuals, one could shrug and say: "Oh, well. What else can I expect at Hamilton, well known for individual acts of bigotry [remember the swastikas, remember the hockey rink?]." But this was different. This was organized by no less than the Inter-Society Council (ISC) - the largest student group on campus. And even if the whole shanty-town fiasco was impromptu and unplanned, I failed to hear any murmurs of regret from ISC representatives to the student body. When offensive and bigoted actions are no longer confined to a few prejudiced individuals, but perpetrated by a college-sanctioned student organization, it points to a community where dialogue and communication no longer exist as viable options.

To add to the irony of the whole thing, the same *Spectator* issue that publicized the protest also carried a letter by Mr. Alan MacCracken III. Mr. MacCracken III was distraught at an apparently derogatory reference to "fraternity types" in an article by Art Jewett [The Clinton Courier, March 22nd]. His point about the evils of blanket stereotyping was well taken. I have been guilty of thinking in terms of "those fraternity types" on occasion. However, Thursday's events caused me to wonder what proportion of my negative views are the result of some internal bias, and what proportion the result of acts of monumental arrogance carried out or tacitly endorsed by the entire community of private society members, and their representatives. If you were at the protest Mr. MacCracken III, then you are every bit the "fraternity type" Mr. Jewett referred to.

If ever evidence was needed that the existence of private societies was detrimental to the academic and social life at Hamilton, the disgraceful activities on Thursday provided it. How unfortunate to be your own worst enemy!

Rahul Roy-Chowdhury '95

Letter and Op-Ed Policy

The Spectator's Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, _The Spectator_ does have editing policies for contributions.

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to _The Spectator_ via campus mail or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Letters and Op-Ed box outside the Spectator's office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

2. Letters should be less than 300 words, and the editor reserves the right to edit opinion articles for length. _The Spectator_ will also edit for misspellings, typographical errors, poor grammar, as well as diction. If specified, the editor will inform you of the changes. _The Spectator_ also reserves the right not to print letters, or opinion pieces. In such cases, the editor will provide the author with the reasons.

3. If the editor determines that a piece may be libelous, or may be an unwarranted invasion of privacy, then the piece will not be printed. _The Spectator_ reserves the right to correct factual inaccuracies or to refuse to print a piece due to factual inaccuracies.

4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

6. No anonymously signed letters will be printed.

Student assembly president responds to report on declining morale

To the Editor:

Last week there was an article concerning the operations of the Student Assembly. While much of the article is correct, I would like to clarify some points that were either incorrect or misleading.

The article begins by stating "a pattern of apathy and intimidation within the Student Assembly has paralyzed the body..." This is a problem that has existed since the day I stepped foot into the Student Assembly room in the fall of 1993; a small vocal group of representatives run the Assembly. This is nothing new. What is new is that I, with the help of Jared Bowling and the entire Assembly, am trying to curtail this.

Student Assembly is not supposed to be the real world, as the article states. That is like saying that college is supposed be like the real world. College is a learning and growing experience. That is what the Student Assembly should be. I do not believe that we should sit there with lesson plans, nor should we be graded. But in order for us to be an effective governing, representative, deliberative assembly, we must help each other grow as leaders. Are we to expect incoming first-years to have four years of Student Assembly experience?

The College Experience is also only what you make of it. It does not take you on a tour, but if you make the first initiative - show you're interested - then an entire new world opens up. This should be the same for the Assembly; when a first-year makes that fist initiative and campaigns for a spot on the Assembly, then the Assembly should be there to show support for this individual. We should show this person how we operate, and we should encourage this person to partake in our deliberation and debate.

Student Assembly should be a forum of ideas. These ideas should come from the student body, and the representatives should solicit these ideas and then bring them to the Assembly. Student Assembly should be unbiased and fair to all those that approach it, especially those who feel misrepresented.

Students must realize Student Assembly does have great capabilities, but the strength of the Assembly is only as strong as its members desire it to be. If representatives attend meetings and find them boring, it is their responsibility to move the meeting along. If representatives believe that an issue is important, they should bring it in front of the Assembly and aid in its execution. Student Assembly can be a great governing body, but it can only accomplish this if its members desire to make it great.

Andrew Edelson,
President, Student Assembly

STUDENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR:

- **Editor-in-Chief of *Ekthesy* (non-fiction magazine)**
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- **Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Bull***
- **Editor-in-Chief of *Pygmalion* (visual arts magazine)**
- **Editor-in-Chief of *Discourse* (political journal)**
- **Editor-in-Chief of *The Wag* (humor publication)**

Questions? Want an application?
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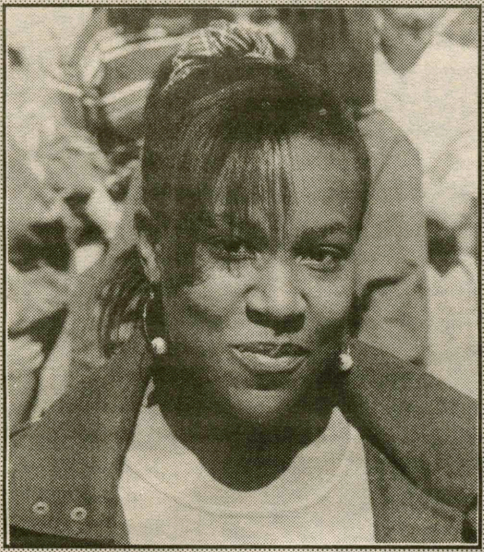
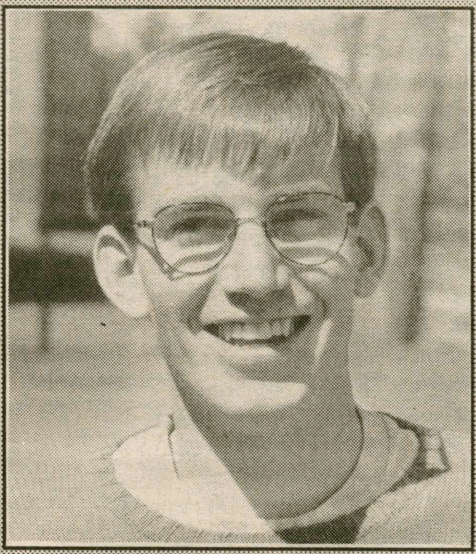
Voice Box

A question for prospective students at this week's Open House:

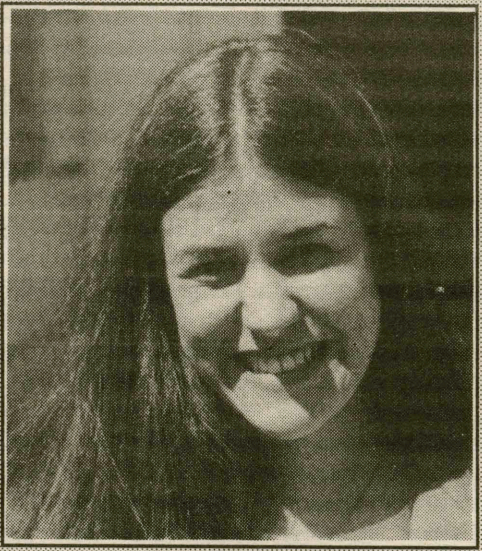
What strikes you most about Hamilton?



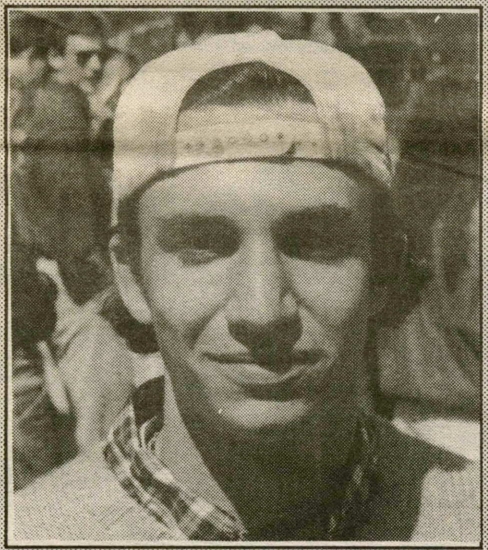
Julie Blair, Connecticut
"The campus is really beautiful and the people seem really friendly."



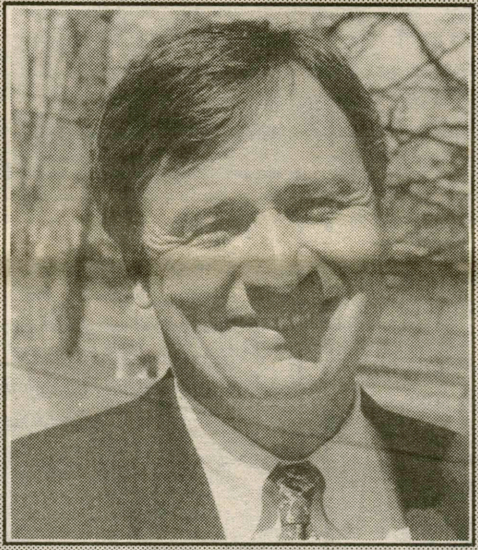
Mike Balasco, New Jersey
"The campus looks great."



Annelle Curulla, Connecticut
"The 50's style diner resembles Charles' Mother's Diner on the TV show *Charles in Charge*."



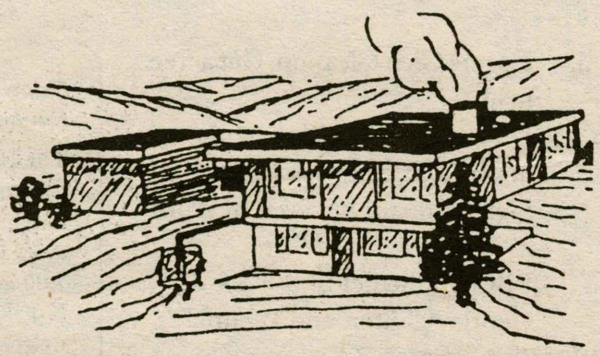
Sascha Arbouet, New York
"The atmosphere here is really friendly. No one walks more than a block without saying 'hi' to someone they know."



Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Rit Fuller
Special question: What strikes you most about the prospectives?
"The prospectives look enthusiastic and come from all over the world. I feel very optimistic about the Class of 1999."

Robyn Sheehan, Massachusetts
"It is close together. People seem to know each other pretty well."

photos by Nick Shutz '96



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Horoscopes

FIRE

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Don't get sunburned. It is spring, and I know that you want to be in the sun, but remember how painful it is to sleep with a sunburn. Look at art this week. Nothing like a good sculpture or two. If you feel a bit run down, take a nap, but not in the sun. Jog.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Be careful of what you say, you might understand yourself. Careful planning makes a rotten time, be spontaneous, but don't plan on it. Be recklessly careful and buy a Volvo sedan. Don't worry about the money, money is one thing you can always get, health and sanity are not. This is not the end of things, nor is it a beginning, it is, or will become, more of a half-way house. Rhyme.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it, if your happy and you know it, brush your teeth. Seriously, brush your teeth, or get a breathmint, or something. Sing

EARTH

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Are you feeling down? Form a committee! Actually, don't, committees do nothing but waste time and make a group of otherwise intelligent people look stupid. If you do form a committee, don't make it an Ad-hoc one. Find a healing space, and engage this space in a discourse on the possibility of valuable dialogue in the near future. Make no definite plans because then you are accountable, and if your education has taught you anything, it is that accountability is BAD.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)
Let technology take you to places you have never been. Cyberlife is not such a bad alternative to what's in store for you. To put it lightly, you are not in for a very good week. "Have you ever been over to a friend's house to eat and the food just ain't no good? The macaroni stinks, the peas are mush, and the chicken tastes like wood." Discover.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)
As your eighth grade teacher used to say, "you can pick your friends, and you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friend's nose." Words of wisdom from a truly spiritual person. Pick.

AIR

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Stay inside! Chicken little was right. Your world is crumbling around you and there isn't much you can do except look for shelter. Things probably are as bad as they seem and you will definitely look back on this and cry. Read

Libra (September 23-October 22)
Think about your freedom. Realize how lucky you are. Reflect, Reduse, Reuse. Nothing is as important as continuity. If you find yourself in the clouds, stay there. It is raining down below, and that is a reality that you are all too familiar with. Bake...wait...what?

Aquarius (Jan 20-February 18)
Wake up! The world is a big place and idealism is dead. What you call an open mind is riddled with hypocrasy and confines you in what is not real. Reality is harsh, but hiding does no good and long hair breeds inactivity. Multiculturalism is a lie. Don't let useless jargon fool you, you are too smart. Let your own ideas come forth and enlighten oppressed souls. Yea, right. Reality check - are you there? Laugh.

WATER

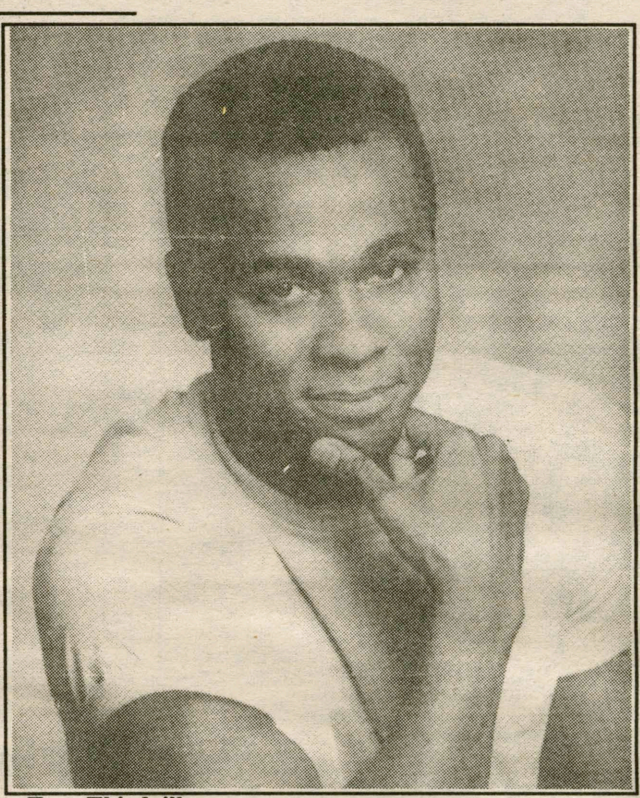
Cancer (June 21-July 22)
That certain someone you have your eyes on hates you and everything you stand for. There is no possibility that anything more than mutual hate and disgust will come from the relationship. Name only things you love. Moisturize.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)
Wait for your train, or your bus, but make certain that you get there. Traveling is nice, but the goal is the destination. Even if you are not traveling, go on a nice trip. It is soothing. Play

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20)
If you don't see what you are looking for, ask. Our salespeople are happy to help you. Look for a summer job, or even better, get a permanant one. Do what makes you happy, not what makes you money. Mate.

CAB and Troy Thirdgill give you one last chance for comedy relief in the Barn

BY MARC BLOCK '96
A&E CONTRIBUTOR


Troy Thirdgill

Troy Thirdgill, a comedian from Portland Oregon will be performing Thursday, April 27 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Events Barn. The event is sponsored by CAB. He will be the second event of Springfest and the last of this semesters comedians. Troy is quickly becoming a popular figure in the comedy business, and his performances pack houses week after week.

His career took off after winning a prestigious comedy contest in Portland in 1989. He now regularly tours the country playing at many colleges and clubs, but you may recognize him as a supporting cast member of the comedy show, "In Living Color" or his guest appearances on the hit T.V. show "Martin."

I remember seeing an outstanding performance of his at a conference I attended through CAB (Campus Activities Board) for College entertainment. I was very impressed to say the least. Troy did a wonderful job in his role as Master of Ceremonies for the night. The other performers in the conference ranged from mime to acid rock, and with this wide range of acts it must have been extremely difficult to maintain any sort of continuity from act to act. Troy managed to keep the high level of excitement in the audience throughout the night. His high-energy delivery and insightful take on life kept the audience laughing from beginning to end. Troy Thirdgill was perhaps the best part of the evening.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Troy described his unique style of comedy as storytelling. "I never tell jokes." Instead, so that everyone can identify with his comedy, his material is based on things that happen to everyday. "I talk about dating , actual things that go on in bars and stuff. The whole dating game, the whole dating process; it's like where we go to mate or something."

This will be the last of the comedians on the Hill, so come out and enjoy a night of comedic relief before the grind of finals sets in.

A reading by Ellen Frye

On Wednesday, April 26, in the Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center at 4:15 p.m., Ellen Frye, author of *Amazon Story Bones* and *The Other Sappho*, will be reading from her works. The event is sponsored by the Department of Classics and the Women's Studies Program and is free and open to the public.

Ellen Frye comes from a writing family: her grandmother was a newspaper reporter and editor in Colorado and Texas, her grandfather was managing editor of the *Birmingham Herald*, and both her parents are writers. After receiving a B.A. in Music from Barnard College, she moved to Greece, where she did extensive research on Greek folklore. Her collection of Greek folksongs, *The Marble Threshing Floor*, was published in 1973. Her first novel, *Look Under the Hawthorne*, appeared in 1987. Her two subsequent novels tell the stories of ancient Greek women whose lives were never recorded, illustrating her belief that "it is the realm of poets and writers of fiction to look at history as it was written by men and imagine the truth as it happened to women." In *The Other Sappho* (1989) she imagines a poet as great as Sappho but one whose poetry existed only in the oral tradition, and in *Amazon Story Bones* (1994) she reshapes Greek myths into tales the Amazons themselves might have told. Ellen Frye is currently at work on a novel set in early twentieth-century Vermont, the state in which she currently resides.

Watch this space for your name. This week's t-shirt winners are: Bob Simon (faculty) and Adam Chamberlain ('95).
T-shirts will be available for sale at each event. Winners should pick up their shirts at the next event or from Prof. Hilke Kayser in K-J 250.

Hamilton College the President's Focus on the Environment 1994-95

The President's Focus on the Environment

The fourth in this series will be:

"Earthfest, a festival to celebrate Earth Day"

Saturday, April 29

A Spring Fest Finale! Come and celebrate the outdoors!

Schedule:

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Rogers Glen Cleanup. Get a free t-shirt!
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament on the TDX Soccer Fields. Sign up teams of seven by April 27th.
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	BBQ on the fields!
8 p.m.	George Clinton and P-Funk!

All day music provided by the Garden Weasels!!

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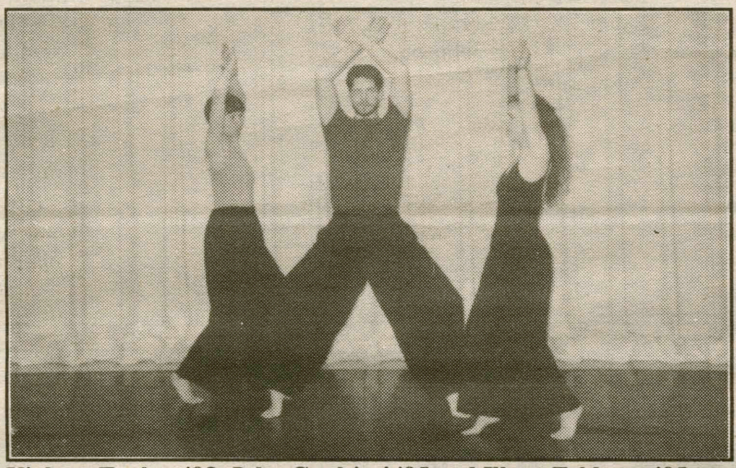
Hamilton Environmental Group
The Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) meets every Thursday night at 7:00 in the Blue Pit in K-J. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about HEAG and the plans for Earthfest.

Think globally -Act locally

Dance majors show their stuff in senior projects

BY LYN LIAO '95
A&E CONTRIBUTOR

After four years of living in the dance studio, performing in faculty and student choreographed concerts, and striving to apply our personal styles to our dancing, three senior dance concentrators are ready to display what we have learned in our time at Hamilton College. Next weekend, Alicia Buoni, Illona Feldman, and I will present our Senior Dance Projects in two nights of performances at Minor Theatre.



Violette Tucker '98, John Gualtieri '95 and Illona Feldman '95

The purpose of the Senior Dance Project is to choreograph approximately 20-30 minutes of a piece(s) which expresses what we have learned about ourselves and our dancing from the experiences acquired at Hamilton. In order to achieve this goal, most senior dance majors have used their own lives as models for their projects. Rather than writing a thesis, which is also an option open to a dance major, Alicia, Illona, and I have chosen to present original works in performances which will give us experience on the different aspects involved in a dance production, such as the costumes, lights, sound, publicity, and of course, the choreography and actual performance of works we have created.

Lyn Liao '95 with Paris Wilcox '95

The major themes in Alicia's project are acceptance, love and support. Her intention is to help people see things differently from what they are, and to ultimately inspire the acceptance of the diversity that exists everywhere. Alicia has chosen to choreograph her project in four sections with music by Sarah McLaughlin, Dave Matthews, Van Morrison, and a poem by Thomas Brennan '94. The project begins with a solo which she will perform. This solo merges into a duet that addresses the issues of dependency, love and growth. The third section in her project is a group piece which conveys a sense of group unity and togetherness among the dancers. In the final piece, a quartet of dancers expresses the different love relationships we encounter in life, and the importance to individuals growing and learning from these relationships.

Illona has chosen to present her project as a statement of how she expresses herself through the dance, to the accompaniment of music by Ellis Paul, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and Vance Gilbert, as well as a poem by Ani Difranco and silence. Her project, entitled "Written on the Body," explores the relationships between people, and how they affect the lives they touch, specifically hers. Choreographed as one continuous piece with five sections, her project opens with her solo. The solo progresses into a duet about the love between two people, which then gives way to a trio that conveys the friendship between the three dancers. Her next two sections are group pieces, the first symbolizing the strength of women, and the last, showing different interactions among people in life, and the way they touch the lives of other people.

As a ballet dancer who has been exposed to modern dance here at Hamilton, I decided to use the different techniques I have been trained in in my project. Having experienced and grown a lot in my four years here, my project symbolizes the different and varied emotions I have encountered, through the use of ballet, modern, and a combination of both. One way I have conveyed these different feelings is through my choice of music. I am using classical music by Beethoven and Rachmaninoff to express the softer, dream-like nature of my emotions, and music by more contemporary artists, Peter Gabriel and New Order, to represent the passionate, fun, and flirtatious feelings. The three major sections of my project are connected by short intermezzos in which I will play the piano, another way in which music is used to convey the emotional qualities in my project.

With lighting designs by Rhonda Celestian and Jen Colt, we are looking forward to performing the finished production. Besides the dancers involved in the projects, the stage manager Amira Rosberg, the technical director Bill Burd, and the lighting and sound operator Lori Eaton have all been working hard to polish the projects in time for the opening next week-end.

Bobbi Perkins '95 and Alicia Buoni

The Senior Dance Projects will be performed on **Friday, April 28th at 4:30pm, and Saturday April 29th at 8pm in Minor Theatre.** Admission is free, so come and enjoy a night of original dance works, and support the seniors who are working hard at their final project at Hamilton!

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21 *Friday*

7:30 **Film: Interview with the Vampire.** Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$

7:30 **Large Group Meting.** Spon sored by InterChristian Fellow ship. Schambach 201.

8:00 **Spring Theater Production.** "The Master and Margareta." Minor Theater.$

22 *Saturday*

8:00 **Concert.** Hamilton College Orchestra. Wellin Hall.

8:00 **Spring Theater Production.** "The Master and Margareta." Minor Theater.$

23 *Sunday*

2:00 **"Historical Tour of the College."** William J. Fergu- son Meet at the Chapel.

7:00 **Spring Concert.** "Acappella." Sponsored by Hamilto nes, Buffers, and Special K. Chapel.

7:30 **Film: Interview with the Vampire.** Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.$

24 *Monday*

3:00 **College Course 300 Film: Jane Campion, Sweetie (Australia '89).** Kirner- Johnson Auditorium.

7:30 **Senior Fellowship Presenta tion.** Whitney Martin '95. Sponsored by English Depart ment. Kirner-Johnson Red Pit.

9:00 **GLBSA Weekly Meeting.** Keehn 2 floor Lounge.

25 *Tuesday*

4:30 **Discussion (Chaplaincy).** North Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

7:30 **Lecture.** "Property and Family Rights." Sponsored by the Conser- vative Club. Chapel.

8:00 **Hamilton College and Commu- nity Oratorio Society Concert.** "Haydn's Creation." Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.$

8:00 **Lecture: "The Economic Lives of the Homeless," Gwendolyn Dordick, Sociology.** Sponsored by AAUP Journal Club. Assembly Room at Bristol Campus Center.

8:00 **Lecture: "State Disintegration and under-development in Africa," Michael Chege.** Spon- sored by the Government and African Studies Department. Dwight Lounge, Bristol.

26 *Wednesday*

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Idrissa Quedraogo, Yaaba (Birkina Faso '89).** Kirner- Johnson Auditorium.

4:15 **Lecture.** Ellen Frye, Novelist "A Reading from her work." Sponsored by the Classics Department and Women's Studies. Dwight Lounge, Bristol.

7:00 **Campus Activities Board Weekly Meeting.** Basement, Bristol Campus Center.

8:00 **Acoustic Coffeehouse.** "Acous tic Junction." Spon sored by CAB. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

27 *Thursday*

5:30 **AA Alcoholics Anonymous: "On the Hill" Open Meet ing- All Welcome.** Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.

7:00 **Hamilton Environmental Action Group Weekly Meeting.** Kirner- Johnson, first floor lounge.

8:00 **Holocaust Remembrance.** Chapel.

8:00 **Comedy in the Barn.** Troy Thirdgill. Sponsored by CAB. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke.

Have a great Al-Ham Weekend!

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

While You Were Sleeping	*6:40, 9:25*
The Goofy Movie	*7:00*
The Cure	*6:50, 9:40*
Bad Boys	*7:10, 10:00*
Kiss of Death	*7:20, 9:50*
Tommy Boy	*6:45, 9:30*
Rob Roy	*6:35, 9:35*
Circle of Friends	*6:30, 9:15*
Jury Duty	*7:05, 9:45*
Outbreak	*9:20*

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Circle of Friends 4:45, 7, 9:15

Up Town 797-0020

New Listings Not Availabe Yet

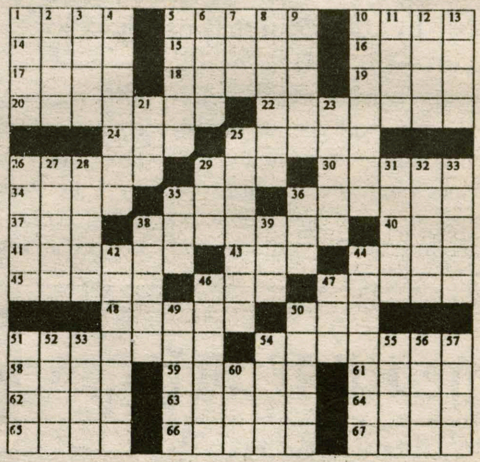
On Campus

Interview with a Vampire.
Friday and Sunday at 7:30
Saturday at 10:00

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Crossword 101

" Happy Birthday Mr. President " By Gerry Frey



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Quotable Quote

" In America the President reigns for four years and journalism governs for ever and ever."

Oscar Wilde

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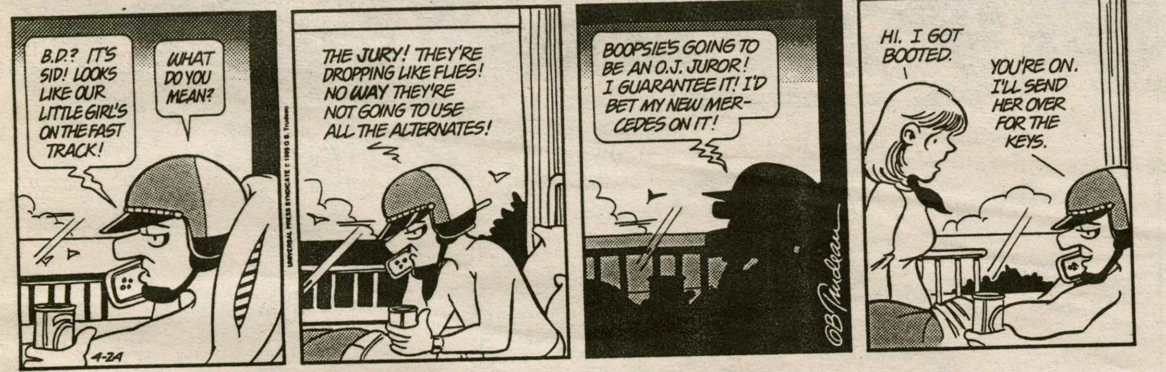

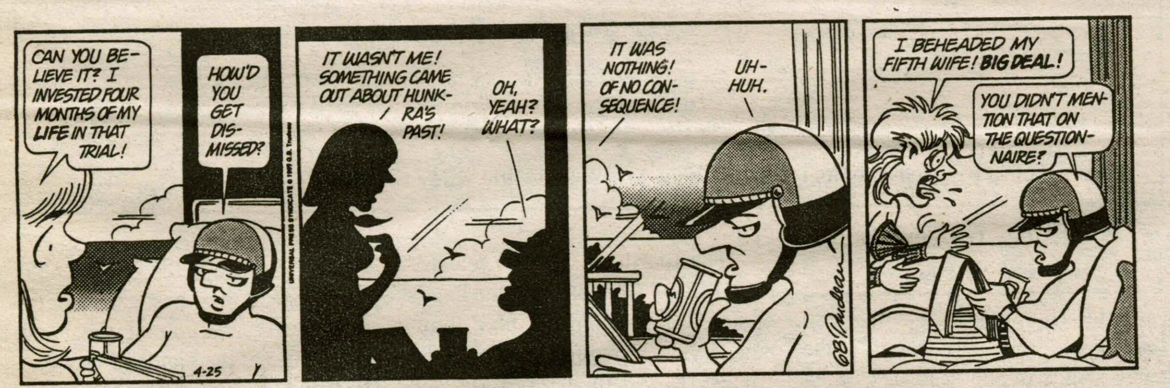

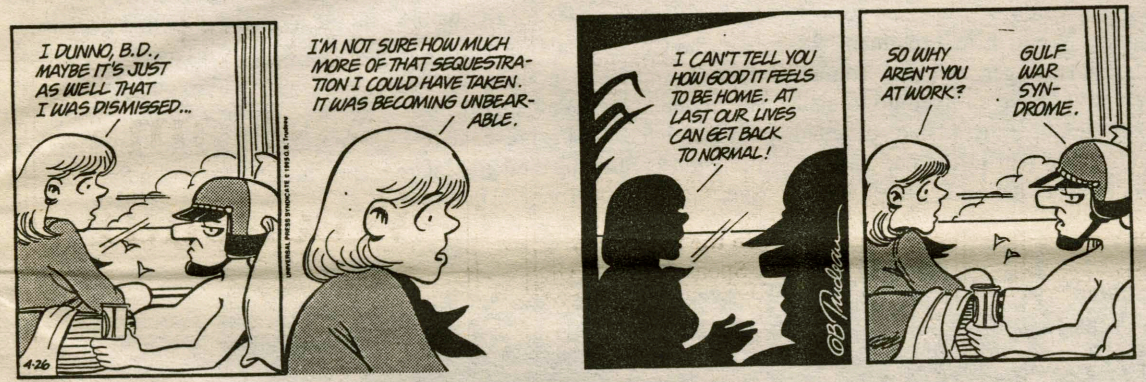

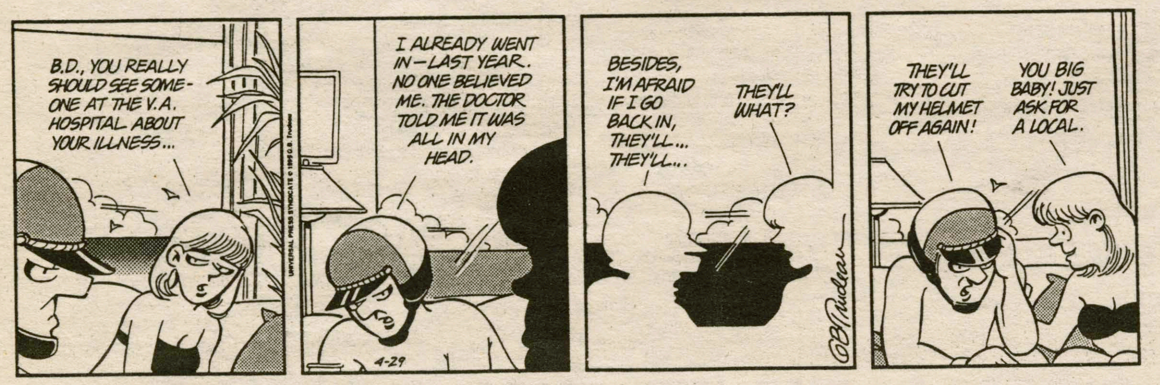

Personals

To the lady in red-

swiftly, swinging, swooping, sowing, safely. to all those with good hair comes better grades. good luck and have a good life.

-The blue lagoon piper

To whom it may not concern-

I don't know how to tell you this, but I can't find that shoe (or more importantly what's in it). I will do my best to find a new thingamajigger.

-Forever sorry- ABBABBA

To my secret admirer-

I love all the poems. I wish you would reveal yourself to me. Please consider it soon because I can't go on not knowing who you are. It feels like you really know me...please talk soon.

-The "blue eyed" girl

Mi querida Chuleta

Te estraño mucho y muy pronto estaremos juntos de nuevo. Me muero por estar en tus brazos.

-Tu mexicano más sabroson.

Dear Snapperhead-

Congratulations on your new job.

-Love Gnat

Norman-

I had a fantastic time with you on Wednesday. Sometimes I can't believe how happy you make me. I feel so very close to you, now and always. I look forward to what I know will be many happy years by your side. Stay happy, my love!

Love,

T.A.

Alicia-

Happy Birthday!

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Watch for Sam Walker's "Two Cents" next week!

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Men's lacrosse loses to Oswego 10-5

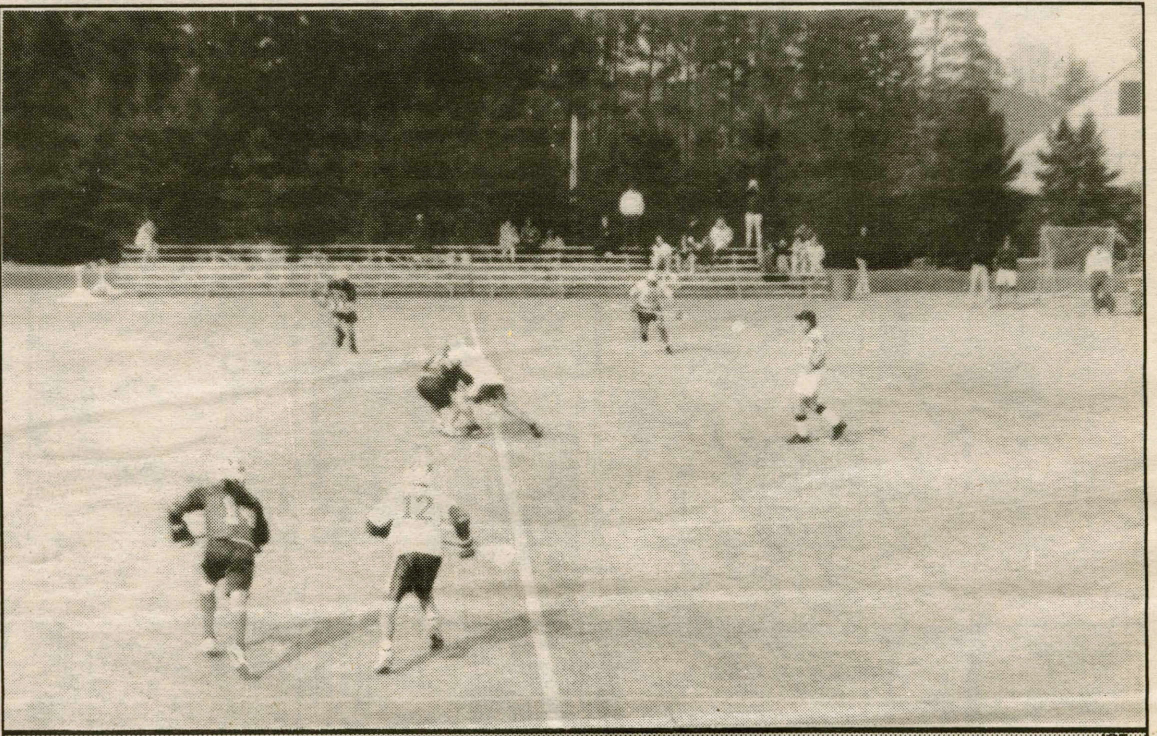


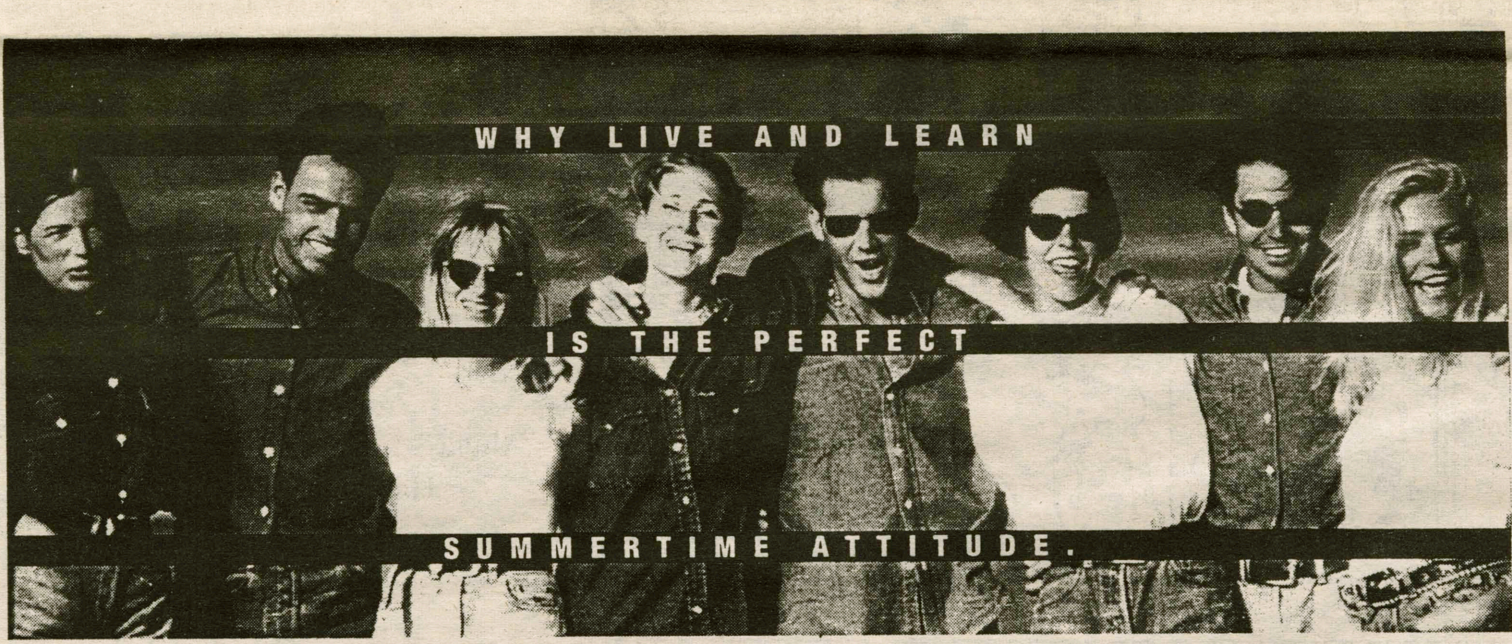
PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97
The men's lacrosse team looks to break their downward slide when they host Clarkson on Saturday.

By Rick Pizzo '96
Sports Staff Writer

The Hamilton men's lacrosse team has continued to struggle in the early stages of the season, as they have constantly had trouble producing the offense necessary to win games. While Eric Freidman '98, Martin Hilfinger '95, and Tommy White '98 have all lived up to their expectations, others have struggled putting the ball in the net, and the Continentals have fallen three games below .500.

The fourth loss of the year for the Buff and Blue came at the hands of the Union Dutchmen. Union dominated play throughout most of the contest, as the final score told the whole story: Union 14, Hamilton 5. As has been the case for the whole year, the Continentals' offense was stagnant and the team never gained any momentum. White, Hilfinger, and midfielder Doug Prezzano '97 all scored, continuing their good seasons, but the loss dropped Hamilton to 2-4 on the year.

On Thursday, the Continentals played one of their best games of the season, yet came up empty handed, losing 10-5 at the hands of Oswego. Hilfinger scored twice, while Freidman, Avery Cook '97, and Jamie Walsh '97 tallied once. Oswego, who averages 16 goals per game, was held to only 10 by goalkeeper Anthony Cunningham '95. The team's record stands at 2-5. They host Clarkson on Saturday.



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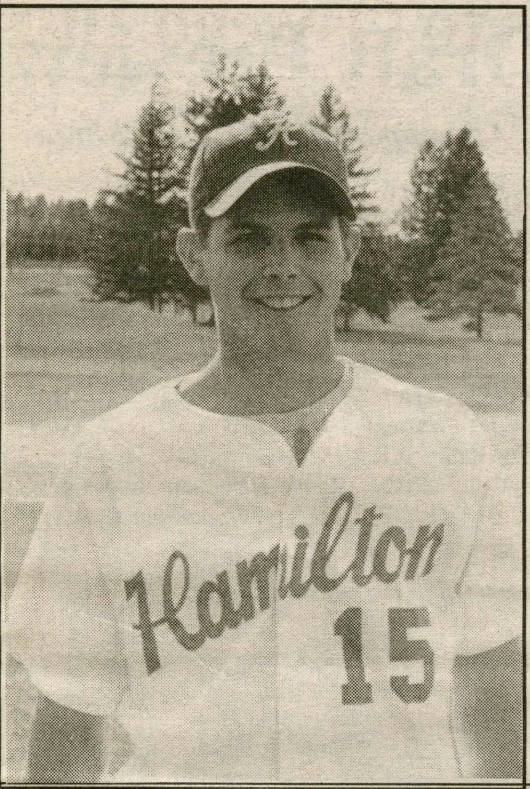


The Hamilton Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Ryan Christ

STATISTICS:

--3-time MVP of Jackie Robinson game

Ryan Christ '95 has had a prolific career for the Hamilton College baseball team. Last Wednesday, in Hamilton's 10-2 victory over Utica in the Jackie Robinson Game, Christ was named MVP. The senior southpaw pitcher tossed a five-hit complete game, striking out 10. Christ became the Jackie Robinson Game's first three-time MVP.

Congratulations, Ryan! You are the *Hamilton Athlete of the Week!*

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

John Whitwell '98

Whitwell's fine 78 at the Colgate Invitational placed him in a tie for third in a field of 63 players and led the Continentals to a second place finish in a field of five teams. John's performance was particularly impressive since he had never seen or played Colgate's very difficult Seven Oaks Golf Course prior to the match. John truly is a peak performer!

Cohen's Continental Corner: Bonnie Reiber '97

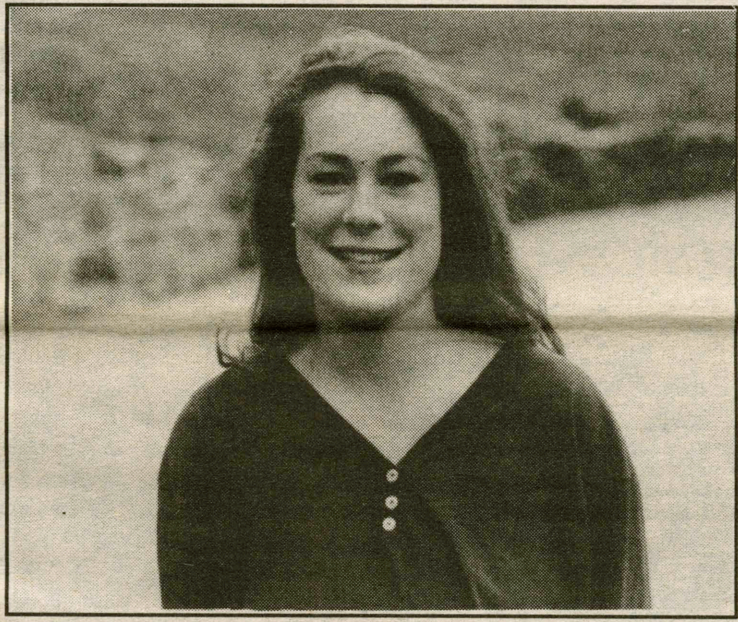
By Brian Cohen '96
Associate Sports Editor

While figure skating receives little recognition, Bonnie Reiber '97 of Dover, Massachusetts brings a new found respect to the sport on the Hill. On March 25, Reiber represented Hamilton at the First Annual Intercollegiate Figure Skating Competition held at M.I.T. Reiber placed first in the ladies junior free skating event, while coming in second in the ladies junior compulsory moves event. Out of eleven competing colleges, Reiber's individual performance launched Hamilton to a respectable 4th place in the overall standings.

The success that Reiber has achieved did not come from fortune and luck. Rather, her commitment and dedication are the characteristics that have propelled her to the top of the collegiate skating world.

While most skaters begin at the young age of three or four years old, Reiber didn't start skating until she was thirteen. Up until that age, she was active in ballet and gymnastics. But figure skating provided a new challenge for her. "Every person finds something they enjoy," Reiber exclaims. "For me, I found figure skating to be kind of addictive. What I liked about figure skating especially when I first started was the freedom."

Reiber adds that in skating you have your lesson time and then you have your free time to keep on improving. For Reiber, that lesson time takes place each afternoon. At 2:30 p.m. every day, Reiber laces up her skates and hits the Hamilton ice for an hour to practice her compulsory moves. Then, with her coach she goes down the hill to the Clinton Arena to practice her free skating. Some days Reiber returns at 10:00 p.m. for another session of freestyle. During the summer she practices as much as four to five hours a day. In the past five years she has taken no more than two weeks off from skating.



Bonnie Reiber — PHOTO BY NATHANIEL SHUTZ '96

With so much time focused on skating, one wonders how Reiber could have time for academics. But she does, and this semester she is taking five courses as she double majors in Psychology and Studio Art. According to Reiber, academics is most important but figure skating has helped structure her time and discipline herself. "The biggest battle [in figure skating] is the mental battle," she says. "Because you know you can do the moves but you really need to stay focused. And that is what has really helped me. I have been able to apply that focus to other areas of life."

Reiber describes the peaks and downfalls involved in figure skating as well as life. She points out the past competition at M.I.T. as an example. "I worked extremely hard for the two weeks leading up to the event. The best part is when you say you can do something and you go out there and do it. . . it makes the success even sweeter."

In order to taste the sweet feeling of success, a figure skater must maintain a full positive mental attitude. One negative thought can be disastrous. To achieve a positive attitude visualizing a perfect program is most important. Reiber's confidence and the constant pushing of herself has helped her achieve her success. "I treat every practice as though it were a competition," she notes. "If I stop in the middle of a program in practice I will not be prepared for competition."

Her main goal at Hamilton is passing her next United States figure skating test. In figure skating there are seven levels — pre-preliminary, preliminary, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior. To reach the next level, one must past a series of tests. Currently, Reiber competes at the junior level. She has two more tests to go to be considered a gold tester in freestyle and figures, after which she can go into coaching.

Reiber's future remains uncertain, but graduate school is a possibility. She would like to pursue a career as a psychologist or in the art field. Even with a career, Reiber intends to coach at least a few hours a week. "I love kids and I love skating so it would never feel like a full time job," she says.

Hamilton College 5-Mile Road Race

Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

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This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Baseball		Skidmore 12:00 p.m.					
Men's Golf		Williams TBA	Hartwick TBA				
Men's Lacrosse		Clarkson 12:00 p.m.					
Women's Lacrosse		Hartwick 3:00 p.m.		Oneonta 4:30 p.m.			
Men's Tennis		Marketplace Invitational TBA				Union 4:00 p.m.	
Women's Softball		St. John Fisher (2) 1:00 p.m.					
Track & Field		Brockport 10:00 a.m.					

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expensepaid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Samuel M. Walker, as well as their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Sam Walker *Spectator Sports Editor*	Brian Cohen *Associate Sports Editor*	Trip MacCracken *Associate Sports Editor*	Meghan Hallock Freshwoman *Guest #1*	Gabriel Meyer Editor In Chief *Guest #2*
	Last Week: 7-5 To date: 72-52	Last Week: 8-4 To date: 66-58	Last Week: 7-5 To date: 69-55	Last Week's Guest: Keith Wandtke 9-3	Last Week's Guest: Pete Neuberger 5-7
NBA					
Washington at New Jersey 4/21	Washington	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey
Milwaukee at Cleveland 4/21	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland
Seattle at Sacramento 4/21	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Sacramento	Sacramento
Miami at Philadelphia 4/21	Miami	Miami	Miami	Philadelphia	Miami
Charlotte at Chicago 4/22	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Portland at L.A. Lakers 4/22	Lakers	Lakers	Portland	Portland	Portland
Denver at Golden State 4/22	Golden State	Denver	Denver	Denver	Golden State
Orlando at New York 4/23	New York	New York	New York	New York	Orlando
Philadelphia at Washington 4/23	Washington	Philadelphia	Washington	Philadelphia	Washington
Cleveland at Charlotte 4/23	Charlotte	Cleveland	Charlotte	Charlotte	Charlotte
Atlanta at Indiana 4/23	Atlanta	Indiana	Indiana	Atlanta	Indiana
Utah at Houston 4/23	Utah	Utah	Houston	Utah	Houston
Seattle at Phoenix 4/23	Seattle	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix
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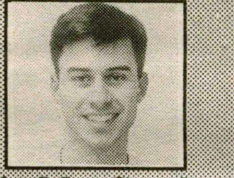
If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

NFL Draft Preview

Is McNair the 'Air' apparent to Warren Moon?

Scorecard



Trip MacCracken

In The NFL: With the draft tomorrow at 12 noon, I decided to offer my predictions on how the first round will shake down: 1. Carolina- RB Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State 2. Jacksonville- OT Tony Boselli, USC 3. Houston- QB Kerry Collins, Penn State 4. Washington- DE Kevin Carter, Florida 5. Cincinnati- DT Warren Sapp, Miami 6. St. Louis Rams- WR Michael Westbrook, Colorado 7. Tampa Bay- Derrick Alexander- DE, Florida State 8. Seattle- WR Joey Galloway, Ohio State 9. N.Y. Jets- DE/LB Mike Mamula, BC 10. Cleveland- TE Kyle Brady, Penn State 11. Minnesota- QB Steve McNair, Alcorn State 12. Philadelphia- C Corey Raymer, Wisconsin 13. New Orleans- DT Ellis Johnson, Florida 14. Buffalo- G Reuben Brown, Pittsburgh 15. Indianapolis- S Bobby Taylor, Notre Dame 16. Arizona- WR J.J. Stokes, UCLA 17. N.Y. Giants- DT Anthony Cook, S.C. State 18. L.A. Raiders- RB Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan 19. Kansas City- T Blake Brockermeyer, Texas 20. Detroit- CB Jimmy Hitchcock, UNC 21. Chicago- RB Rashaan Salaam, Colorado 22. Green Bay- RB Napolean Kaufman, Washington 23. New England- DE Luther Eliss, Utah 24. Minnesota- CB Craig Newsome, Arizona State 25. Miami- LB Derrick Brooks, Florida State 26. Atlanta- Dameian Jeffries, Alabama 27. Pittsburgh- TE Christian Fauria, Colorado 28. Dallas- G Brendan Stai, Nebraska 29. San Diego- LB Lorenzo Styles, Ohio State 30. San Francisco- RB Rodney Thomas, Texas A&M 31. Jacksonville- FB Ray Zellars, Notre Dame 32. Carolina- QB Rob Johnson, USC Commentary: Carter is a lock to be the first pick, but Carolina might trade the selection. Boselli is supposedly the second coming of Anthony Munoz, and should be a rock for the Jaguars for years to come. Many predict that the Oilers will take Kevin Carter, but their QB needs are too pressing to pass on Collins. Washington needs a pass rusher to complement Ken Harvey, and Cincinnati will pair Sapp with Dan Wilkinson. The Rams will start Michael Westbrook immediately, and Seattle will pair Joey Galloway with Brian Blades. Tampa Bay will grab yet another DE in Alexander (remember Keith McCants and Eric Curry), while the Jets will pick Mike Mamula, whose impressive workout at the scouting combine is quickly becoming the stuff of legend. Kyle Brady will give the Browns the solid TE they've missed since Ozzie Newsome retired, while Minnesota will take the immensely talented Steve McNair and let Warren Moon tutor him. Indianapolis gets a steal in Bobby Taylor, as does Arizona with J.J. Stokes. The Raiders will feature Wheatley, and Chicago will do the same with Heisman winner Salaam. The Dolphins add a pass rusher with Brooks, while Pittsburgh replaces Eric Green with Fauria. Likewise, the 49ers replace Rickey Watters with Thomas, a relative unknown to most fans. Carolina ends the first round with Johnson, one of this year's many talented QBs. Incidentally, Illinois defensive end Simeon Rice was expected early on to be a top five selection, but decided to stay in school...

In baseball: Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez hurt his back last week bending over to tie his shoe. The Rangers pennant hopes revolve around Gonzalez, who missed a great deal of last season with back problems. If Gonzalez is out, so are the Rangers... The Reds signed catcher Benito Santiago, who never became the offensive force the Padres thought he would years ago. He's still one of the best defensively, though, and Cincy pitchers are glad to have him... Outfielder Cory Snyder was invited to the Padres camp recently. In the late '80's, Snyder appeared to be the future of the Indians, before opponents learned of his willingness to fish for a curveball in the dirt... Three-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux is recovering from the chicken pox. After watching Maddux throw recently, Braves manager Bobby Cox quipped, "He looked good in spots."... John Kruk, just one season removed from an all-star appearance, is still out of uniform, and is apparently close to retirement... New Hartford's Andy Van Slyke is trying to catch on with Baltimore... Aaron Sele will start on opening day for the Red Sox, breaking Roger Clemens streak of starting seven openers. Clemens is bothered by an injury in his right shoulder... Jack Morris retired this week, after winning 254 games in 18 seasons. Morris had been trying to make the Reds starting staff, but felt that he simply didn't have it anymore. Speculation has been swirling as to whether Morris deserves to be elected to the Hall of Fame. While his career statistics are not even on the same level as many who have not yet made the Hall, Morris did pitch for three World Series winners, was MVP of the '91 Series, and was praised by Kirk Gibson as "the best closer I've ever seen."

Miscellaneous & Quotables: While TBS announcer Chuck Daly still believes that Orlando will take the title, he says that if Chicago were to win, "Then (Michael) Jordan truly will be God."... ABC's Dan Dierdorf, on the possibility of Joe Montana becoming an announcer, "People would be fascinated in what he had to say, myself included." NBC's Bob Trumpy isn't so sure: "I frankly don't know how he'll do. He doesn't like to poke people in the eye."... And finally, this weekend marks the last regular season game played at Boston Garden. Hobbled announcer Bill Walton commented, "I wish I could get down and kiss the floor goodbye. I'm afraid I couldn't get back up."... Next week, NBA playoff pairings and predictions, and NFL Draft recap

Men's tennis cools down, loses match to Skidmore

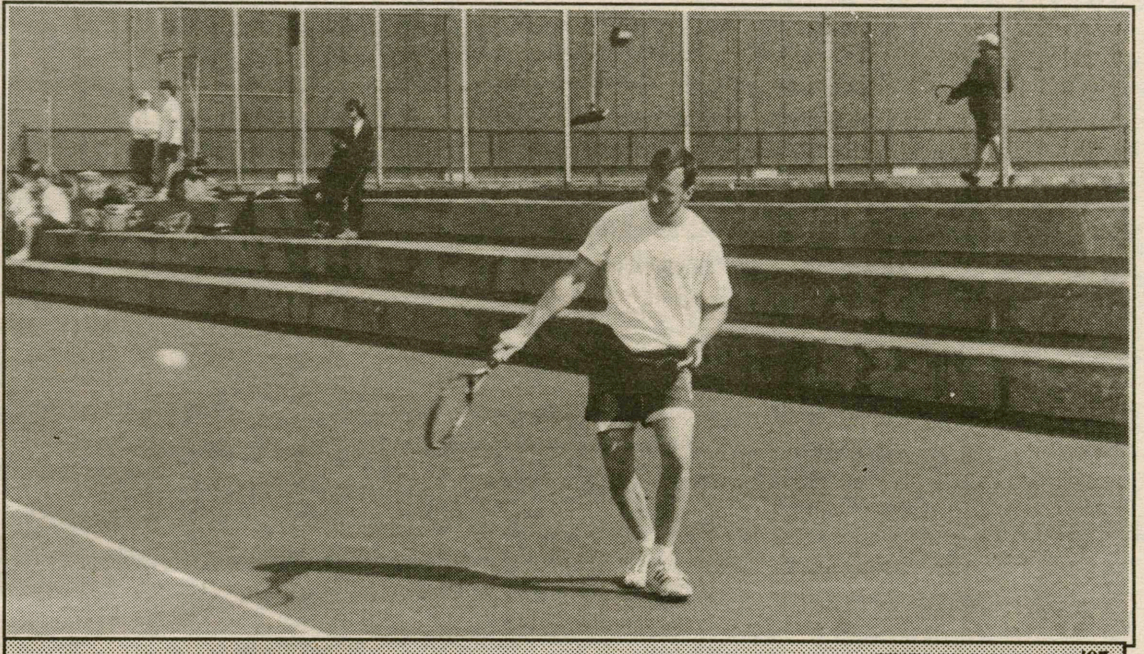
By Greg Nussbaum '98
Sports Staff Writer

The Hamilton College men's tennis team demoralized Hartwick last Thursday 8-1 in impressive fashion. The match was played not at Hartwick, but indoor at SUNY Oneonta's bubble due to adverse weather conditions. Regardless, all six singles slots posted dominating victories.

J.W. Hobson '97, Jed Whitlock '98, Chris Snyder '95, Seth Joyal '96, Rob Edwards '95 and Greg Nussbaum '98 each won easily in straight sets. Nussbaum took the place of 10-2 Jason Barnes '98 who could be out for the season with a damaged rotator cuff. The doubles teams of Hobson/ Whitlock and Joyal/ Snyder breezed through their matches as well

Tuesday at home against Skidmore was a different story. In a tightly contested battle, Skidmore pulled off a 4-3 victory in front of many fans and prospective students who came to watch while sunbathing in the beautiful weather. Hobson performed admirably in the two slot, pulling off a tough 7-6, 6-4 victory. Edwards continued his consistent ways, destroying his helpless opponent 6-2, 6-1 at the #6 position. Hamilton won all three of the doubles matches, but were unfortunately playing in a format which only gives one team point for winning two or three doubles matches. Coach Kelly McElroy was nevertheless satisfied with the team's performance stating, " I think we played our hearts out."

After a fast 6-1 start, which included five big wins in South Carolina against the likes of Carleton and Greenville, the Hamilton College men's tennis team has cooled off, losing six of the last nine matches. This weekend, the team travels to Rochester for the Marketplace Invitational, a tournament which hosts ten teams from the surrounding upstate New York area. Each team plays four singles matches and a doubles match which are equally weighted. Coach McElroy will probably go with Whitlock, Hobson, Sam Walker '96 and Nussbaum at singles, with Joyal and Edwards seeing time at doubles. This tournament is very important for the team morale going into next weekend's NESCAC tournament at Middlebury College. Coach McElroy is especially concerned with team composure and mental toughness. "We can hit with anyone on our schedule, we just have to stop beating ourselves and gain confidence by remaining mentally tough."



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Co-Captain Rob Edwards '95 has won his last three singles matches at the #6 singles position. Edwards and Sam Walker '96 are 9-3 at the #3 doubles slot.

Men's Rugby beats Hartwick, prepares for upcoming Williams Tournament

By Jonathan Shuman '95
Sports Staff Writer

Hamilton Rugby continued its dream season by squeaking past Hartwick, the four time champion of the Copper Fox tournament. While Hamilton managed to win 43-0, the game was close throughout.

Hamilton opened the scoring with Andy Gragg, on leave from the Reserves. Gragg took a splendid pass from Rob "the Escape" Hatch and broke through the Hartwick line to score. Hatch seemed to end his scoring drought when he scored from mid-field on a brilliant open field run. However, the rugby gods seemed to have cursed Hatch, for the official disallowed Hatch's try for the second week in a row. Hatch was unfazed by his inability to score. "I'm just glad the team could win," Hatch said. "There will be plenty of opportunities for me to score."

Up 7-0, Hamilton took control when senior co-captain Dino scored with a pass from Kappy's trade mark ruck and roll maneuver. On the following play, Dino broke the line and passed to the streaking Hatch. Hatch appeared bound for the try zone, but was met by the Hartwick fullback. Hatch passed to co-captain "Gump" Shuman, who drew the wing and passed to Pat Landers who found the try zone. Spoons Hayden, playing his final game as a junior, converted his third kick of the day to put Hamilton up 21-0 at the half.

Hamilton dominated the second half, playing what co-captain Dino called "...the best play I've seen in my 14 years of rugby." The scoring started early when Hartwick was whistled offsides deep in their zone. Seeing a hole in the Hartwick defense, "Gump" Shuman called the infamous "piroggi" play. Hamilton had been practicing the play since Kappy returned from playing with the Polish national team. "I saw the defense cheating towards Kappy, recognizing him as the scoring threat, so I called for the piroggi," said Shuman. As Hartwick rushed Kappy, Shuman was able to sneak a try on the weak side. Craig "Ol'" McDonald added into the back line and took a beautiful pass pass from Hatch to score and put Hamilton up 38-0. While Hatch seemed destined not to score, he set up yet another try when he passed to Dino on a scissors play. As the defense collapsed on Dino, he passed to Shuman, who ran over the fullback to score his second try of the day. Sophomore standout Cooley took the ball and ran through five Hartwick defenders. Chris Elliot, the Hartwick wing, said, "He was just too big, he looked like a freight train." Hamilton has outscored their opponents 60-0 in the regular season this year. The Continentals travel to the Williams tournament this weekend.

Whitwell leads golf team to 2nd place at Colgate

Faces tough weekend at Williams and Hartwick Invitational

By The Spectator Sports Staff

The young, but steadily improving Hamilton golf team, with five first year players in the starting lineup, had one of its best tournaments of the year, f.inishing second in Colgate's Spring Invitational on Tuesday afternoon at Seven Oaks Golf Club in Hamilton, New York. The Continentals five man total of 405 finished well behind Divison I Colgate's 383, but ahead of Oswego (407), Lemoyne (413), Siena (415) and well ahead of the rest of the field.

Individually, Colgate's Matt Molloy, runner-up in the 1993 New York State Amateur, took medalist honors with a 74. However, Hamilton's John Whitwell's fine 76, on the notoriously difficult Seven Oaks layout, which he was playing for the first time, place him in an impressive third in the field of 63 players. Mike Saber '98 continued his fine play with a 78, good for fifth, while Jim Gillies (83), Darren Fuller (83), and Jeff Dickman (85) all contributed to Continentals great showing.

The golf team has now finished ahead of eight of the eleven teams it has faced so far this spring. The team now faces a tough weekend of competition; Saturday at Williams, and Sunday in Hartwick's Spring Invitational where the Continentals will compete against a strong field including Skidmore and Binghamton, ranked nationally among the very top teams in Divison III this season.

Trivia Time

Send entries in Campus Mail to Spectator Sports. The first correct entry received will win a handshake from Sam.

It's not about winning the prize, it's all about beating Sam Walker!

Last Week: Out of 7 entries received, the winner was Jerry Tappis '98. Congrats, Jerry!
1. Carl Yastrzemski
2. 0
3. David Robinson
4. Sergei Fedorov

This Week's Questions:
1. What NCAA Division I Conference has the most quarterbacks playing in the NFL?
2. What five quarterbacks were drafted in the first round of the 1983 NFL draft?
3. What college has the most players in the NFL?
4. Who was the last Penn State running back to be drafted in the top 5?

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Struggling men's baseball upsets Hartwick

By Mark Granovsky '98
Sports Staff Writer

The Continentals have been as inconsistent as the spring weather through this 1995 season. Hamilton has the ability to pound the Clarkson Golden Knights 13-1, but will then lose a doubleheader, 8-7 and 5-4, to the St. Lawrence Saints. The inconsistent play has resulted in a 6-11 record through seventeen games.

The Continentals lost the first game to Clarkson 6-2. Pitcher Brian Guastella '98 gave a solid six inning stint on the mound, but the Golden Knights managed to produce nine hits and score five earned runs. Hamilton retaliated with the 13-1 win in the second game. The Continentals had sixteen hits and ten earned runs as Clarkson could not overcome the blitzkrieg offense. The score was 9-0 after three innings. Outfielder Adam Rowland '95 had four hits on the day and knocked in three runs. Catcher Aaron Simon '96 drove in two runs on a triple and first baseman Bob Simonds '95 went 2 for 3 with two RBIs. Pitcher Matt Klumpp '98 went the distance for the Continentals allowing eight hits and only three walks.

On Sunday, the Saints tamed Hamilton with a doubleheader sweep in Canton, NY. Dale Dening pitched a complete game in the Saints 5-4 win, despite the offense of third baseman Sean Fay '98 who drove in two runs with a double and first baseman Jason Tagliaferri '96 with a run and an RBI. Dening recorded six strikeouts and three walks in his seven inning stint.

Hamilton hopes to get back on track following a 5-4 win over Hartwick. The Continentals managed five runs on a mere four hits. Guastella drove in two runs with a single and sacrifice fly and shortstop John Kowalazik '96 had two hits including a solo homerun. Pitcher Ryan Christ '95 gained the win with 7 2/3 good innings and allowing only three earned runs on ten hits. Pitcher Joe Rowbottom '98 pitched 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief for the save.

The Continentals are hitting .276, but have a 5.55 ERA through seventeen games. Guastella leads the club with a .486 average with two home runs and thirteen RBIs. Simonds and Rowland are second and third with .351 and .349, respectively. Fay leads all pitchers with a sizzling 0.96 ERA. Fay has allowed only seven hits in 9 1/3 innings. Rowbottom is second with a 2-2 record, 3.80 ERA, and two saves. Fielding has been excellent for the Continentals with a .934 percentage, 355 putouts, and 36 errors.

The Continentals will host the Skidmore Thoroughbreds and Union Dutchmen this weekend in two doubleheaders.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

John Kowalazik '96 led off Tuesday's game against Hartwick with a homerun. The Continentals won 5-4 raising their record to 6-11.

Women's lacrosse loses close game to Ithaca

Faces national powerhouse Hartwick tomorrow

By Samuel M. Walker '96
Sports Editor

Entering Tuesday's game versus Ithaca, the Hamilton women's lacrosse team had won five consecutive games. They had catapulted themselves nationally to the #11th ranked position in the Division III polls. Furthermore, the Ithaca Bombers at 3-5, appeared to be a team that the Continentals could readily handle. However, proving that anything can happen in sports, the Bombers upset the Continentals in a nailbiter, 10-9.

From the outset, the game between Ithaca and Hamilton was nip and tuck. Ithaca scored first, but 0:20 seconds later, Hamilton retaliated with a goal of their own. For the entire first half, lead changes were prevalent. Neither team was able to take the lead by more than one goal. When Ithaca went up 5-4 with 2:52 to go in the half, Hamilton responded formidably, tallying a goal with 2:31 remaining. The teams went into the locker room knotted up at 5-5.

In the second half, the Continentals looked to be setting themselves up for a victory. The squad took an 8-6 lead with 10:34 remaining. Nonetheless, the two goal lead was not enough, as the Bombers were able to take a 9-7 lead and hold on for the 10-9 victory.

Mandy Morrison '97 was the leading scorer on the day, netting four goals for the Continentals. Isabel Roberts '97 contributed 3 goals and an assist in the losing effort. Judy Whitaker '97 added two goals and an assist, while Meghan Waters '97 chipped into the offensive attack, with two assists. Melissa Hyner '97 was solid in goal, recording 21 saves.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

The women's lacrosse team is currently ranked #11 in the nation in Division III. They face #4 ranked Hartwick tomorrow on the rug of Love Field.

Head Coach Betsy Bruce had this analysis of the Ithaca game. "We just weren't as sharp as we were during the five game winning streak. We played well, but didn't play great. We missed some spark."

Today on the Love Rug, the Continentals face off against Rochester, a team that Coach Bruce says should not be too difficult an adversary. She will be looking to get some of her J.V. players into the game. On Saturday afternoon, however, the Continentals host Hartwick, one of their toughest opponents of the year. Hartwick is currently ranked #4 nationally in Division III. According to Coach Bruce, "It's going to be a barnburner. A lot is riding on this game. If we win, this will definitely help our seeding for post-season play."

Two teams from New York State will qualify for the National Division III Women's Lacrosse Tournament. However, right now, it looks like William Smith and Hartwick will qualify. Still, Hamilton is sitting pretty for the State Tournament, where they have a good chance of receiving a home game. State Tournament selections will be held Sunday.

J.V. Report: The junior varsity team is 4-1 on the season. They have victories over Skidmore, Cortland, Ithaca, and Oswego's varsity team. The team's only loss was to William Smith.

Members of this young and improving team will get a chance to play in Friday's game versus Rochester, and Monday's game against Oneonta.

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